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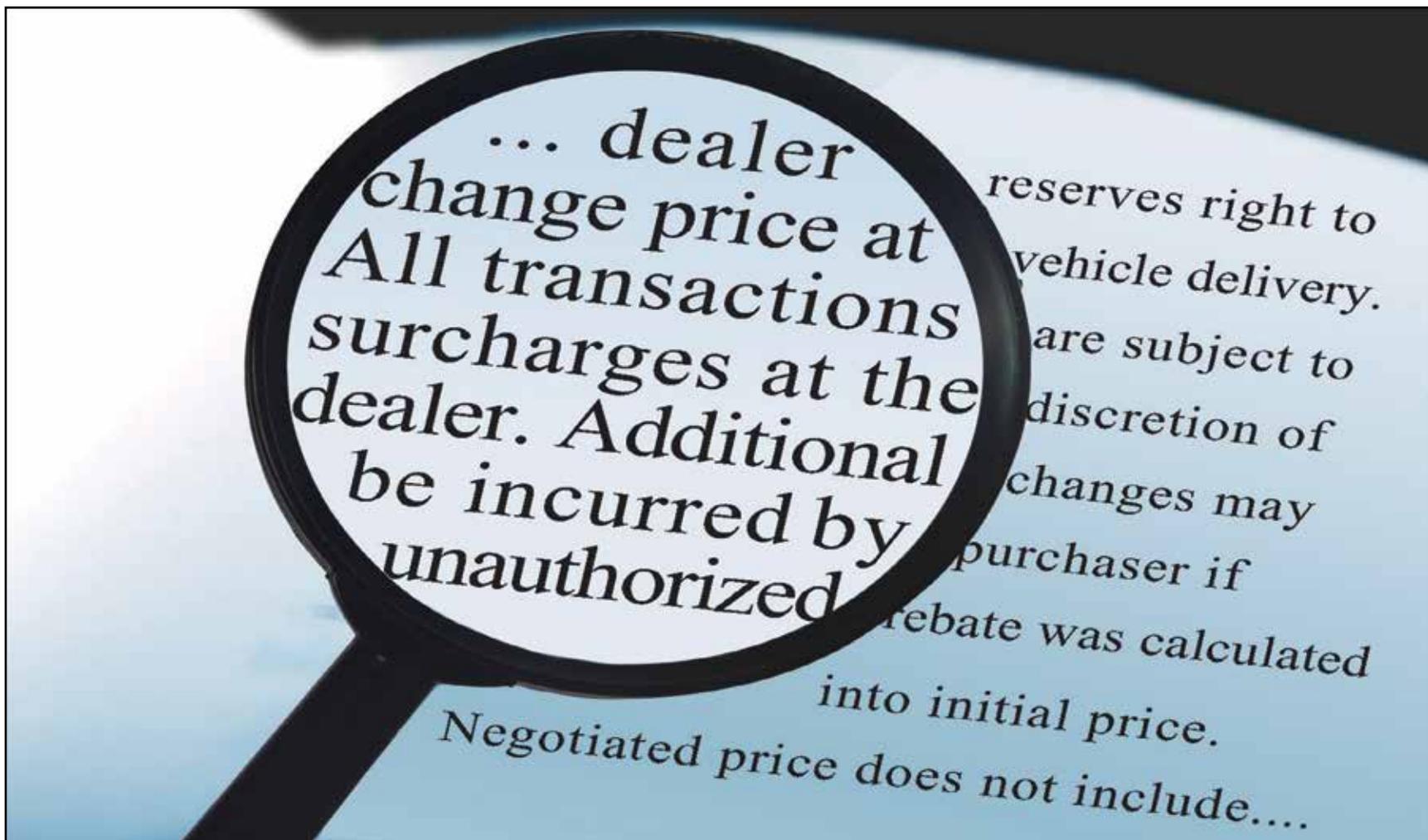
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# Cancelled: St. Pat's parade a no-go

Possible celebration this summer at Rock Hill

BY NICOLE FUENTES

For the second year in a row, Center Moriches' annual St. Patrick's Day parade has been cancelled. The parade, if held last year, would have marked the 18th.

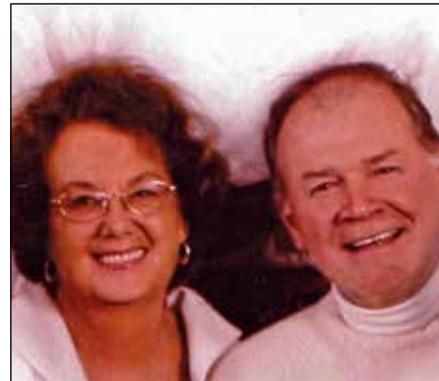
Last year's honorees and co-grand marshals, Elsie and Thomas Tebbens, have yet to make their debut. The couple has been part of the community for over 40 years and is known for their work with St. John's Church and school. Tom runs Tebbens Steel, which has been on Canal Street since his father opened the business after World War II.

According to Julie Pratt, Chamber of Commerce of the Moriches president, the chamber hopes Gov. Andrew Cuomo's restrictions will be eased, allowing for a small outdoor gathering over the summer to celebrate the Tebbenses. Then, by the end of the year, another grand marshal will be selected and announced and celebrated – hopefully, the traditional way – in March 2022 with a parade.

"It was painfully personal for me. I began to feel really melancholy about it; it is the second year we will be missing out on our St. Patrick's Day," she said, upset by another cancellation this year. "When this all started, at first it was six weeks, and then two months, and now it's been a full year."

The parade usually begins on Lake Avenue and ends at Railroad Avenue

and includes floats, fire departments and Irish bands. ■



Co-grand marshals Elsie and Thomas Tebbens have yet to make their debut. The couple has been part of the community for over 40 years.

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## Hazardous materials incident on Sunrise Highway

On Sunday Feb. 7, the Eastport Fire Department and Brookhaven town fire marshals responded to a report of an overturned truck on Sunrise Highway (NYS Route 27) between Eastport-Manor Road and Moriches-Riverhead Road.

Upon arrival, Eastport chief of department John Rankin found a fuel oil delivery truck had overturned and came to rest in the median between eastbound Sunrise Highway and the Service Road. After conducting an initial scene "size up," Rankin determined the tank was actively leaking from two locations. While firefighters from the Eastport Fire Department took initial steps to control the leaks utilizing equipment on hand, Rankin requested the Town of Brookhaven Fire Marshals Hazardous Material Response Team.

Town fire marshals from the Hazardous Materials Response Team assessed the condition of the tank and determined that the 3,800 gallons of home heating oil that still remained in the tank would need to be off loaded prior to the truck being up-righted and removed. Fire marshals, who are certified hazardous materials technicians, utilized specialized tools and techniques to drill openings into the side of the tank, which was now facing upward as a result of the accident. This action permitted specialized pumps to be inserted into the tank, allowing the fuel oil to be safely transferred from the damaged tank to a nearby waiting tanker truck.

Chief fire marshal Christopher Mehman said, "The operation took approximately four hours to complete because the weather conditions were not favorable for this type of operation. The incident occurred in the middle of the snowstorm and freezing conditions made working on top of the tank extremely slippery. We were able to limit the amount of fuel oil leaking from the tank, off-load the remaining oil and address the leaks that had been greatly slowed by the initial actions of the Eastport Fire Department."

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation was on scene to ensure the contaminated soil was cleaned up by an environmental firm hired by the fuel oil deliver company. The driver of the truck was treated and transported to a local hospital with non-life-threatening injuries by East Moriches Volunteer Ambulance Corp.

The Brookhaven Town Fire Marshals Hazardous Material Response Team provides emergency response and technical assistance to the 38 volunteer fire departments within the Town of Brookhaven. The team is recognized by New York State as a Type II Hazardous Materials Response Team. In addition to their other duties, all town fire marshals are New York State Certified Hazardous Materials Technicians and receive extensive annual training. ■

## More land preservation and flood mitigation

Supervisor Ed Romaine highlights the year ahead

BY NICOLE FUENTES

Supervisor Ed Romaine and his administration have set goals for 2021, including land preservation, waste management, renewable energy and maintaining a taxpayer-friendly budget.

Below is their compiled top 7:

### 1. Safety and good health

First on the agenda, councilman Mike Loguercio said, is keeping everyone in the town safe and in good health, then to make sure government works as effectively and efficiently as possible with no limit in services. Romaine was hopeful to utilize the town recreation and senior centers for vaccination distribution.

### 2. Keeping taxes low

Councilman Neil Foley doubled down on Loguercio's sentiment, also adding a priority to keep taxes down.

"The town portion of the tax bill is by far the lowest percentage, but we work on a daily basis to monitor costs," he said, adding that they hope to play a role in growing the local economy back by also working with all local chambers of commerce to grow and create jobs.

Romaine also noted a strong fiscal management that has resulted in years of AAA ratings by both Moody's and Standard & Poor's.

"We are going to do whatever we have to do to keep the town going by watching every penny," he added.

### 3. Continued land preservation

Romaine promised continued land preservation, emphasizing purchases along the Carmans River watershed and other open-space acquisitions as well as the expansion of oyster farms in the Great South Bay and Moriches Bay.

### 4. Renewable energy

Romaine also placed a large emphasis on renewable energy and working to ensure the success of the windfarm in Port Jefferson, with a cable from Smith Point. After the landfill is fully capped, he also noted the high possibility of solar at that location as a continuation of the energy park announced several years ago.

### 5. Waste management

The landfill, he promised, will close on or about 2024, when it is completely filled, after a slowdown in commercial material collection due to the pandemic.

"It would be a disservice to not use all the airspace paid by taxpayers," he added, explaining a refocus on recycling.

He said there will be recycling education for residents as well as policies made for reducing non-recyclable packaging, and supporting a bigger and better bottle bill to make glass more recyclable.

### 6. Flood mitigation

Locally, in the Moriches area, Romaine promised to push for state and federal aid to help combat the rising sea levels. Though the town is not allowing new structures to be built in the flood zone areas, he said, people currently live there. Suggestions for a new bulkhead have been made, though



Romaine hopes to gain insight from the Army Corps of Engineers for possible solutions.

### 7. A push for sewers

Disappointed by the slow pace of the Mastic-Shirley sewer project, he said he wants to see that project completed, as well as a new project for sewers on Montauk Highway in North Bellport with a possible extension to the Village of Bellport.

### 8. Lowering utility costs

Lastly, the administration promised to start the push for regulations on cable and internet providers to create oversight and better prices. Romaine said he would also like to see lower prices on natural gas and better energy rates in the future. ■



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# Remembering Lou Vlismas

Beloved Center Moriches  
Boy Scout leader dies

BY PATRICIA KALOSKI

He has been described as a “pillar,” “great friend” and “mentor” by those who knew and loved him, and his death after battling cancer has left a deep void in the hearts of many. Longtime Center Moriches resident and Boy Scout leader Louis Vlismas died on Jan. 14 at the age of 80. He is survived by his wife Dolores of 54 years, and sons Kevin and Keith. Sadly, his son Kenneth died from COVID-19 just two weeks after his father’s death.

Born in New York City, on May 5, 1941, Vlismas attended Coindre Hall Boarding School in Huntington, and later enjoyed a 35-year career as an electrical engineer at Leviton in Great Neck. He moved to Center Moriches in 1973, where he and Dolores raised their children.

It was when his son Kenneth was a Webelo, that Vlismas got his first introduction to scouting. Despite the fact that he was a huge fan of the great outdoors and always wanted to become a scout, Vlismas didn’t seem to have the chance when growing up, so when the opportunity arose to help out in his son’s troop, Vlismas jumped, said his son Kevin.

Soon after, Vlismas became scoutmaster of Troop 414 of Center Moriches, a position he held for 22 years. In fact, each of Vlismas’s sons had their father for a scoutmaster at some point during their scouting careers, noted Kevin.

“It was great to have my Dad around all the time,” said Kevin. “We always called him Mr. V in public, as to not show favoritism. We never called him Dad.”

During his time with Troop 414, Vlismas was successful in helping 44 boys achieve the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest accomplishment in the world of



scouting, his three sons included. Scouts and colleagues who know Vlismas said his ability to tell a good story and “lighten things up” in a tense situation were key in his ability to connect with scouts.

Center Moriches resident and former troop leader Art Gerhauser fondly remembers spending time with Vlismas during his years in scouting, especially while camping.

“Spending time around a campfire with someone is when you really get to know them,” Gerhauser said. “Lou always had a talent for telling stories and had good stories to tell. Growing up in Colorado, Lou had different life experiences than those of us that grew up on Long Island. He would tell us how as winter neared, they would move the cattle down the mountain into a lower pasture in the valley. The snow would become so deep that they could not get to the cattle over land, and so his uncle, with whom he lived, had a plane they would use to get to the pasture, and by the time Lou was 14, he had his own plane! He would fly down to the pasture and push bales of hay out of the plane to feed the cattle.”

Gerhauser continued, “The deep snow also meant he couldn’t get to school during the winter or visit his friends. When he and his friends were young, they didn’t have radios that allowed them to transmit voice, but they could send and receive Morse code and this is how they communicated during the winter. He would say that knowing Morse code was like riding a bike, you never forget it, and he could still send and receive quickly. A very knowledgeable man, he could point out what seemed like every constellation in the night sky. Looking up at the night sky with Lou was like going to a planetarium show.”

Boy Scout trips and outings were especially important to Vlismas, said family, former colleagues, and scouts. One of his favorite excursions was Camp Yawgoog in Rhode Island, where he looked forward to going every summer with his scouts. “We had the best of times there,” said Kevin.

As time went on, Vlismas got more



**Lou Vlismas became scoutmaster of Troop 414 of Center Moriches in the '70s, a position he held for 22 years. Each of Vlismas's sons had their father for a scoutmaster at some point during their scouting careers, and all called him Mr. V.**

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# Bike co-op agreement for trail center use

## Legislature approves a 20-year license agreement between county and Brookhaven Bicycle Inc.

Brookhaven Bicycle Inc.'s expansion into eastern Long Island will follow the approval of an agreement allowing the not-for-profit organization use of two Suffolk County facilities within Robert Cushman Murphy County Park in Manorville. Under terms of the agreement negotiated between Brookhaven Bicycle Inc. and the county, the organization will use the Raymond P. Corwin Pine Barrens Trail Center and former Methodist Church of Manorville building within Robert Cushman Murphy County Park to operate a bicycle repair facility and bicycle distribution center for people in need of transportation as well as offering bicycle educational programs to public.

Brookhaven Bicycle Inc., also known as the Brookhaven Bicycle Co-op, is a Saint James based-volunteer organization that offers the public free and low-

cost access to transportation options by repairing and repurposing unwanted bicycles for people in need. The organization also provides repair services and cycling safety classes for the public. In exchange for use of the facilities, Brookhaven Bicycle will act as custodian of the Raymond P. Corwin Pine Barrens Trail Center by repairing and maintaining the building and providing trail maps and information to the public. At the former Manorville church site, the co-op will renovate, restore and maintain the building that will serve as a center for bicycle repairs, safety classes bicycle storage, and provide public access to the historic building.

Last summer, the organization that began in 2019, began planning an expansion eastward to be in closer proximity of the communities it serves and to the park trails that many of our region's cyclists use.

"When I learned the bicycle co-op needed assistance peddling eastward, I knew Suffolk County could be a perfect partner in this goal," said deputy presiding Officer Kara Hahn, chairwoman of the legislature's Environment, Parks & Agriculture Committee and co-sponsor

of the bill authorizing its lease agreement for use of facilities within Robert Cushman Murphy County Park. "By putting Brookhaven Bicycle Inc. together with the county parks department, we are able to put the expansion of bicycling services on the East End into high gear and accelerate this organization's mission to alleviate transportation struggles and promote bicycles across our region."

County Executive Steve Bellone is expected to sign the legislation authorizing Brookhaven Bicycle's lease agreement this month.

"We are excited to partner with Suffolk County in this expansion of the bike co-op and its mission. This new space from the county multiplies any good we can do," said Brookhaven Bicycle Co-op founder Greg Ferguson. "Legis. Hahn has been amazingly supportive of the bike co-op. Her tremendous commitment to helping the community is humbling and we are very grateful for all of her help."

"I was pleased to support this legislation, which allows a responsible party to utilize and help maintain the Pine Barrens Trail Center and the Meth-

odist Church of Manorville, which in recent times, have been underutilized. This agreement will benefit not only the county and the group taking on the responsibility, Brookhaven Bicycle, but the residents of Suffolk County as well," added Legis. Al Krupski, whose district is home to both structures. "I believe having a consistent presence at trail center, and at the church, will encourage more people to hike this wonderful park."

According to Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation commissioner Jason Smagin, "Suffolk County Parks is looking forward to the partnership with the Brookhaven Bicycle Co-op and are happy that we were able to offer such wonderful locations for this organization's continued mission."

Located within the Long Island Pine Barren region and the Peconic River Watershed, Robert Cushman Murphy County Park is a 2,200-acre preserve that offers boating, hiking and other recreational activities. Within the park is the Raymond P. Corwin Pine Barrens Trail Center and the Methodist Church of Manorville building that was added to the park's footprint in 2010. ■

# Protocols following Valva death

## Suffolk CPS takes on reform

BY KATE NALEPINSKI

Just over one year ago, a tragedy struck Suffolk County: 8-year-old Thomas Valva died of hypothermia after he and his brother were forced to sleep in an unheated garage in Center Moriches.

Since then, Suffolk County Child Protective Services has undergone major protocol changes formulated on county reform bills, heightened oversight by

New York State and internal review.

In July 2020, the state Office of Children and Family Services concluded a review of Suffolk CPS following the death of Thomas.

It placed Suffolk CPS on heightened monitoring, Suffolk Social Services commissioner Frances Pierre said in an interview.

Sandra Davidson, chief deputy commissioner of social services, said OCFS requested that specific training be provided for all CPS investigators.

"It's a refresher of addressing safety and risk while they're conducting investigations, reinforcing the contacts that need to be made with collater-

als, schools, neighbors, medical professionals," Davidson said. "It refreshes opportunities for them to review how to critically analyze the information that they're receiving."

Pierre said that OCFS meets with Suffolk social services officials on a monthly basis related to monitoring.

Also, in July of last year, county executive Steve Bellone and the Suffolk County Legislature approved a series of laws to reform Suffolk CPS following Thomas's death.

Part of the Child Protective Services Transformation Act, proposed in March 2020, requested that caseworkers reduce their caseloads, Pierre said.

The bill also created a special needs unit, part of the investigative team. This group of CPS workers are trained in child protection and working with children with developmental disabilities. Four caseworkers, one senior caseworker and one supervisor are part of the team, Davidson said. A psychiatric social worker has also been involved with the group.

Suffolk CPS increased monitoring for high-risk cases as a result of the Transformation Act. Prior to the legislation, every case was reviewed by a supervisor. Now, cases that are deemed

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# REMEMBERING LOU VLISMAS: Boy Scout leader

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involved than on just a local level, serving as commissioner, advancement chairman, and merit badge counselor for Suffolk County Boy Scouts, as well as serving as a member of the District Advancement Committee, in which capacity he was part of hundreds of Eagle Scout boards of review.

"Lou was a very dedicated scouter and even despite some hardships, never missed a meeting," remembered Peter Scavo, of the Suffolk County Boy Scout

Council, who worked with Vlismas on the Trailblazer District Advancement Committee.

Whether you were a fellow scout leader or a scout, all who knew Vlismas said he had a profound impact on them. George Keller, who served as Vlismas's assistant scoutmaster, said "Lou taught me a lot about scouting. He was always going the extra mile for scouts to make sure they had a great experience."

"What Lou gave to the boys that came

through his troop was the Boy Scouting experience, where they learned to take responsibility, to work with and lead others, learned how to resolve a problem, and how to live the Scout Oath and bring the ideals of the Scout Law into their daily lives," said Gerhauser.

It is clear that Vlismas had a profound impact on the many boys he mentored over the years, confirmed by the message board created in his memory by Moloney-Sinnickson Funeral Home.

Each post bears witness to Vlismas's dedication to scouting and his commitment to the scouts he served.

"If the large number of friends and Eagle Scouts that came to his wake is any indication of the positive contribution he had on his community, I find comfort in knowing that he was always looking out for others; this devotion to community service is rarely seen. He was a great man with a great heart," Kevin added. ■

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high-risk, or concerning four or more reports or special needs, are reviewed by an administrator. Administrators partner with caseworkers to address potential safety concerns, identify gaps in the practice and ensure support and safety for families.

Suffolk CPS also instituted an electronic surveillance form, Davidson said, which provides the opportunity for caseworkers to have conversations with families around any electronic devices in-home that could be recording.

Procedurally, some things have shifted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Since many schools are in hybrid models of learning, there's more virtual communication happening as opposed to face-to-face interaction between caseworkers and school districts, Davidson said.

"However, that does not alleviate the mandate for any CPS worker to make a contact with the school to discuss educational needs or any feedback that the school has on concerns they have about the child's safety, the parents' capacity to take care of the child, or just the overall needs of the family," Davidson added.

CPS has also increased oversight on any cases reported by school NYS-licensed psychologists, those with

a degree in master of social work, or school nurse. The administrative bureau director reviews that with the team to assess any practice gaps and assist in the critical thinking of that case. Suffolk CPS continues to support families during this time, including the delivery of electronic equipment, food, shelter, clothing and more.

Under current procedure, CPS has 60 days to complete an investigation from the date of intake. During that time, CPS will assess the safety of the children; identify individuals in a family that can offer help and support; investigate service needs; and partner with community-based organizations to provide those needs, Davidson said.

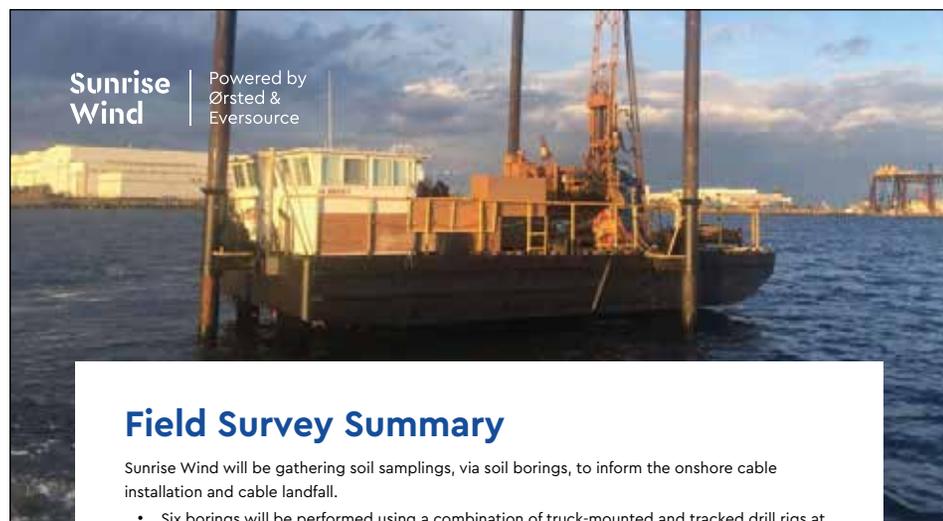
If additional support or services are needed, the investigation closes and those services are offered in another bureau.

"I don't know if we can say this can never happen that way again," Pierre said of the Valva case. "But our aim is to ensure that we protect children to the best of our ability by continuing to provide training and supervision to ensure that every case that comes our way has clear supervision and guidance for case managers and their supervisors." ■



Eight-year-old Thomas Valva. The boy died of hypothermia after he and his brother were forced to sleep in an unheated garage in Center Moriches. Suffolk County Child Protective Services has seen changes since then.

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## Field Survey Summary

Sunrise Wind will be gathering soil samplings, via soil borings, to inform the onshore cable installation and cable landfall.

- Six borings will be performed using a combination of truck-mounted and tracked drill rigs at Smith Point County Park and Marina.
- Beach, parking lot and marina access will be maintained during this work.
- Two borings will be drilled in the intracoastal waterway (The Bay) between Fire Island and mainland Long Island using a self-elevating barge or "lift boat" that will likely be visible from some vantage points onshore.
- These activities are expected to begin in February. The work at Smith Point County Park and Marina is expected to take three weeks and the work in the intracoastal waters is expected to take two weeks, weather dependent.

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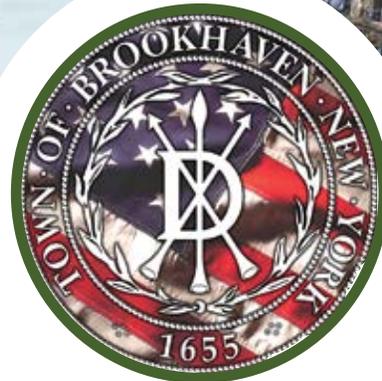
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# Create a bay-safe lawn

Save the Great South Bay presents three steps for a bay-friendly lawn

BY NICOLE FUENTES

Do you practice sustainable gardening methods?

Habitat restoration, stormwater management and local stewardship are all part of a “green” lawn.

**GREAT SOUTH BAY** Save the Great South Bay also certifies bay-friendly yards with a yard sign to display.

The overall goal is to restore the yard back to its native state. The typical suburban lawn relies heavily on fertilizers, pesticides, and huge amounts of water. Bay-friendly yards are beautiful, full of life, less expensive to maintain, and help filter groundwater before it hits a creek or the bay. Biologist Frank Piccinni of Save the Great South Bay suggested these three essential elements to a bay-friendly yard:

## Habitat restoration

**1** Plant native plants for local pollinators, birds and wildlife. Adapted to local ecosystems they will grow deeper roots and decrease soil bulk density

and eliminate nitrogen. Remove invasive species such as English ivy, garlic mustard, wisteria and many others. Invasive strange trees and crowd out beneficial plants.

Replace ornamentals like Japanese maple, Norway maple and Russian olives. Use alternatives like red chokeberry not burning bushes or big blue stem grass instead of fountain grass, milkweed instead of foxglove. Attract pollinators with trees

Also, reduce the size of lawn. Lawns, he said, are the equivalent of cement.

## Stormwater management

**2** Runoff usually takes nitrogen and pollutants into receiving rivers and Great South Bay. Instead, stormwater should be retained on site with less runoff and pulling containments into waterways. Techniques include bioswales with rock to pull it into receiving channels naturally, rain barrels attached to gutters for repurposing to water plants and rain garden depressions with rain and water loving plants.

## Local stewardship

**3** Start where you stand; every patch counts. Over-mowing creates a unhealthy lawn that requires pesticides.



Three steps to a bay-friendly yard include managing stormwater, becoming a steward of your land and restoring habitats.

Photo Courtesy

A florescent green is not a healthy lawn, he added. So, why are we trying to sterilize where we live? Piccinni suggested mowing every two weeks and use the clippings and discard the leaves. Leaves eventually disappear and become the soil and serve as a natural fertilizer.

For more information or to certify

your yard, email [info@savethegreatsouthbay.org](mailto:info@savethegreatsouthbay.org).

Save the Great South Bay was founded in 2013 by Sayville High School alumni appalled at the state of the Great South Bay. They act to protect and preserve the Great South Bay. ■

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As always, we will be running our St. Pat's T-shirt and hoodie fundraiser. If you are interested in purchasing a shirt or hoodie to sport your green, please contact us at 631-848-9008.

All purchases will go towards our spring projects—filling blessing boxes, and purchasing dolls and pet therapy stuffed animals for Alzheimer's patients.

We will be hosting an event with our local SCPD COPE officers for small groups of students to make something to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. For more information as to the exact date and time, contact us at the above phone number or email [helpingmakesuhappy@gmail.com](mailto:helpingmakesuhappy@gmail.com).

We are also partnering with Caitlyn's Vision once again to make Spring Brunch bags for 60 local students in need.

Finally, we are preparing for the Easter Bunny Drive-Through. As we did last year, on the day before Easter, April 3, the Easter Bunny will be going down as many requested streets as possible in Center and East Moriches to bring a smile to children's faces. Have a happy and safe St. Patrick's Day- "May joy and peace surround you, contentment latch your door, and happiness be with you now and bless you ever more!"

**OP-ED**

# Moriches Bay Garden Club

Our garden club is back!

**MAUREEN POLLACK**

The MBGC is back with a full schedule of programs, projects and presenters for 2021. Our new board has decided to have all our meetings outdoors this year. The first meeting will be at the Ketcham Inn, Thursday, March 18 at 1 p.m.

Diane Schwindt, the historian/cook at the inn, will be the guest speaker. Just in case you think it will be too cold, don't worry. Diane plans to have a fire pit blazing. She will be talking about spring planting, floral designs and also will be making soup for all. We don't know what kind of soup, but most likely something that would have been

made during the 1700s. Members have been asked to bring a mug, a chair and a mask. And of course, we are always happy to welcome new members.

We gardeners are hoping that the extra six weeks of winter predicted by that groundhog in Pennsylvania was wrong, so that we can get outside and start raking out flowers beds and doing other spring cleanup chores. Now is the time to bring in some forsythia branches for earlier blooms. Or, like Terry Romano, you can stop by your local florist and purchase flowers to make your own arrangement. Take a minute to bring a touch of spring into your home. ■



# Students of the month



Richard Colin Raupp is a senior at Center Moriches High School. He has committed to attend George Washington University, in Washington, D.C., where he will play soccer and study business and finance. For the past two years, Richard was one

of two goalkeepers from the Northeast region to play on the U.S. Youth Region 1 Olympic Development Soccer Team. In his junior year, the Center Moriches varsity soccer advanced to the New York State High School soccer final in Middletown, N.Y., where he was awarded MVP, and he was also Goal Keeper of the Year for Suffolk County Section XI.

Hayley Hermsdorf is a senior honors student at Center Moriches High School and member of six honors societies, including math, social studies, English, Spanish, music and National. She is a three-sport varsity athlete playing volleyball, lacrosse and winter track. In her free time, she also plays travel lacrosse and is an ambassador scout for Girl Scouts. She is also the president of her senior class and a student representative for Team Up for Unity for the Center Moriches School District. In her senior year,



she decided to expand her interests into broadcasting as the anchor on CMTV. In the fall, she will be attending Franklin Pierce University in New Hampshire, majoring in education and playing lacrosse.

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**Cooking Demo** – Watch Chef Rob prepare crustless spinach and muenster pie and salmon and arugula salad, via the Community Library's Facebook Live channel, [www.facebook.com/MMSC](http://www.facebook.com/MMSC), 7-8 p.m.

### Thursday, March 11

**Gentle Yoga with Krista** – Zoom yoga class will offer a practice with beginners in mind and emphasis on breath awareness, Thursdays through March 25, 9 a.m. To register and get login details, visit [www](http://www).

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### Thursday, March 18

**Moriches Bay Garden** – The club will meet at the Ketcham Inn, 1 p.m. Guest speaker, Diane Schwindt, historian and cook for the Ketcham Inn, will speak about floral designs and spring planting. The group plans to make soup over a fire pit. All welcome. Bring mug, spoon, chair and mask. Call Diane Tuttle at 631-325-1828.

### Tuesday, March 23

**Counseling/Support** – The Community Library program matches seniors and adult, 18 years and older, with case managers. Virtual appointments can be made Tuesdays, from noon to 2 p.m. For an appointment or more information, call 631-399-1511.

### Saturday, March 27

**Book Sale for Literacy** – Mastic-Moriches-Shirley Community Library will hold a book sale in Room A B C, Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, noon to 4 p.m. Call 631-399-1511.

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## YEARS AGO

### 75 Years Ago

MARCH 1946

Despite his 82 years and the fact that he is Eastport's oldest male resident, **William M. Edwards** has been enjoying ice skating on several occasions on the local pond, his skating companions being his three great-grandchildren, **Bobby, Marilyn** and **Donner Tillinghast**. His skates, which are 60 years old, are made partly of wood and fastened on with leather straps.

Two former members – a husband and wife – of *The Moriches Tribune* staff, one of them overseas with the Army and the other associated with the Red Cross at Camp Upton, talked with each other one night through a transatlantic call. The couple was **Lt. Fred Klein**, former photographer, of East Moriches, and the former **Ms. Katherine Shumskie**, who served in the editorial and bookkeeping department.

The **Rev. S. Hall Barrett**, former pastor of the Center Moriches Presbyterian Church, who served as an Army chaplain, received his honorable discharge at Fort McPherson, Ga.

**Ms. Peggy Bowditch** was the recipient of many beautiful gifts at a surprise bridal shower given in honor of her forthcoming marriage to **Victor Jaroszewicz** by **Ms. Antoinette Jaroszewicz** of Senix Avenue, Center Moriches.

The Ladies Auxiliary of the East

Moriches Fire Company held a card party in the fire hall. **Mrs. Helen Howell** won the door prize, a Pyrex casserole and pie plate, and **Ed Ringhoff** won a cake.

The women's faculty team of Eastport High School defeated the Eastport Women's Town team by a score of 39-16. **Sophie Kostuk** scored 21 points for the faculty team with 10 field goals and one foul shot. **Mrs. Arlene Steffens** ran up five field goals.

**Corrine Valenti** will be the valedictorian of the graduating class of the East Moriches High School and **Arlene Romanowski** has attained second-highest honors as salutatorian.

**Egbert Howell**, of Center Moriches, is anchored in the Straights of Dover and on his way to Poland on the S.S. *Carroll Victory*, which is carrying nearly 800 horses to Poland, being shipped by the U.N.R.R.A.

The Woman's Club of Eastport held a St. Patrick's party in Mechanics Hall. Each member was asked to take a knife with her and then carve a face in a potato. For the best one, a prize was given to **Alice Crouse**, while **Mrs. Willard Alfred** won a prize for a St. Patrick's design made out of chewing gum.

**Mrs. Helen Raynor's** seventh-grade class at Eastport school presented a play at an assembly, and **Judy Reeve** played a piano solo.

RM 1st Class **Claude Frank**, better known to his friends as "Arkie," was

acclaimed the best volunteer orchestra leader at the Capitol Theatre in New York. He won \$5 and received a baton autographed by Sammy Kaye. Arkie has been attached to the East Moriches radio station for about a year.

The Antonini School of Dancing presented a program in the Memorial Building in Bay Shore for the benefit of the American Red Cross. **Gale Newham**, of Center Moriches, danced in the program demonstrating the Mexican Hat dance.

Playing this in March at the Center Moriches Theatre: Ray Milland and Jane Wyman in "**The Lost Weekend**"; Sidney Greenstreet and Peter Lorre in "**Three Strangers**"; Bing Crosby and Ingrid Bergman in "**The Bells of St. Mary's**"; and Dorothy McGuire, George Brent and Ethel Barrymore in "**The Spiral Staircase**."

### 50 Years Ago

MARCH 1971

Student guest of the month at the weekly meeting of the Moriches Rotary Club was **Randy Crennan** of Eastport High school Crennan is a member of the National Honor Society, sports editor of the school's yearbook, "The Seatuck," and is on the staff of *The Webb*, the school newspaper.

**Mrs. Carol Jurgielwicz** rehearsed one of the several songs she will sing at the eighth annual winter band concert pre-

sented by the music department of the Center Moriches Schools and Center Moriches Music Award Association.

**Robert Eaton**, a senior at Eastport High School, was presented with a Paragon Student Incentive Award by Suffolk County executive **Lee Dennison**.

**Dr. Theodore Calabrese, August Stout, Albert Nooger, Herman Heller** and **George Schott Jr.** attended the 17th annual conference of District 725, Rotary International, held at the Nevele Country Club in Ellenville, N.Y.

**Mary Skidmore** of Skidmore's Fishing Station, East Moriches, caught a slew of weakfish, using live shrimp, out of the Speckled Trout Fish Camp while wintering in Florida. To top off her fishing feats, Mary was also named Woman of the Month by the Chamber of Commerce of the Moriches.

**Robert R. Koehler** of Center Moriches has been named a member of the President's Honor Club of the John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Co.

**Phyllis Berkowitz** of Center Moriches was crowned queen of the T.O.P.S. Silhouettes of Mastic during the organization's annual award's dinner.

Playing in March at local United Artists Theatres: Anna Calder Marshall and Timothy Dalton in "**Wuthering Heights**"; Trevor Howard in "**The Night Visitor**"; and Michael Caine in "**Get Carter**."

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