

# **Legionaries Honor Locals At Memorial Breakfast**



Retired U.S. Army Colonel Eileen Watson who served as the Guest Speaker for the American Legion Breakfast receives a plaque from Commander Bruce Robertson and Past Commander John Hudson.

Greetings from American Legion Post 1847 Breezy Point, New York.

On Sunday, June 29, 2025, American Legion Post 1847 conducted our annual Post Memorial Breakfast at the Catholic Club, following the 8am Mass at St. Thomas More Church, celebrated by Father Falce. Our opening ceremony started with Tom MacLellan singing The National Anthem, Monsignor Newland leading us in the opening praver, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and opening remarks which consisted of a "shout out" mention of some of our sponsors and supporters such as; The Coozie Man, Sugar Bowl, Bayhouse and Kennedy's, and our supporters including the VFW John J McLaughlin Post 8540, Mayors Club of Roxbury, Greybeards, Rockaway Point Fire House, Breezy Point Coop and Columbiettes.

After breakfast we honored our Guest Speaker Breezy Point's own U.S. Army Colonel Eileen Watson RN, (ret) for a lifetime of service and commitment to country and community. Community awards were also awarded to Greg Markle for his services and supervision of our Lifeguard's throughout the years. A special award of appreciation was also given to Tim "Tusky" Butler for his dedicated service and commitment to the Veteran's community here in Breezy Point. Mike Schramm, Editor of the Rockaway Point News, was also honored for his dedication and support of Veterans services.

Our program continued with a U.S. Navy traditional Eight Bells Ceremony conducted by Legionnaires John Hudson, and past commander John Ingram in remembrance of Veterans associated with the Breezy Point community who have passed on. During this ceremony, all person's present were asked to step forward and mention the names and service of family and friends who have served in our armed forces and have passed away, so that we may keep them in our prayers and honor their service.

Tom MacLellan closed out the ceremony by leading us all in singing God Bless America and America the Beautiful. If you are reading this article before 9:35 am on July 4th, you



Cooperative Director of Beach Safety Greg Markle receives an accommodation from the American Legion



All Around Good Guy Tim "Tusky" Butler of the Catholic Club and the Sugar Bowl receives his accommodation from the American Legion.

still have time to bring a chair and scurry over to the Breezy Ball field and join us for our annual reading of the Declaration of Independence at 10am along with the Sea Scouts!

Thank you for supporting the American Legion and have a safe

4th of July remembering our veterans. Let us not forget that our days at the beach are made possible by their days at the beach.

Bruce Robertson Commander Post 1847, Breezy Point NY

## **Pointer Graduates Naval Bootcamp**



Midshipman Adams saluting his Granduncle Retired Navy Captain John Ingram.

Thomas is the recipient of the Navy Reserve Officer Training Course Full scholarship to Yale University.

On June 23, he completed the rigorous 3 week indoctrination (Bootcamp) at the Great Lakes Naval Training Center in Illinois.

Upon graduation he was sworn in as a Midshipman USNR. Thomas is a certified EMT and upon his return from a college course in Italy he intends to sign up with the RPFD as an EMT until he goes off to Yale.

Ed Valentine a former Navy Corpsman is looking forward to have Thomas join Rockaway Point's Bravest.



Thomas with his parents Erin & Mike Adams and Granduncle John Ingram

Thomas Adams of Breezy Point and Wilton, CT recently graduated from Fairfield Prep cum laude. He is the son of Erin (Ingram) and Mike Adams and the Grandson of Nancy Ingram and the late Marty Ingram.

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Hopefully other likeminded young men and young women will volunteer in their Communities and think about joining our all volunteer military.

Happy 4th of July to all.

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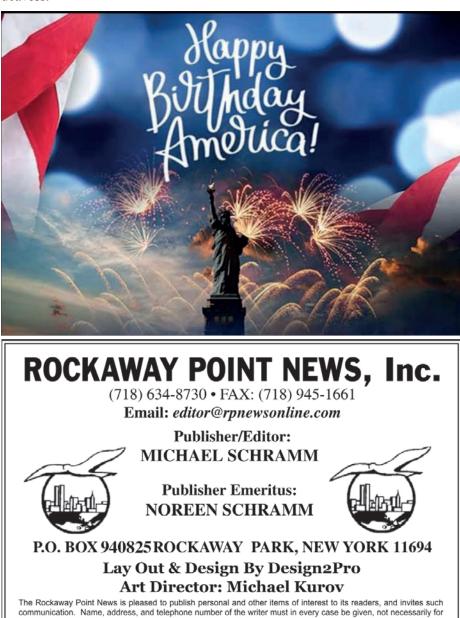
# Happy Birthday America!

Two hundred and forty nine years ago our forefathers brought forth on this continent and in this world a form of government that allowed all to be treated equally. Needless to say that their definition of equal in the Declaration of Independence did not include Native Americans, Blacks, Women or any other type of ethnic culture contrary to their own, however in the intervening years we have come to recognize the rights of all people regardless of ethnicity to be covered under the broadness of that opening statement — when in the Course of human events.

Perhaps it is time to restate this beautifully written document crafted by men who saw beyond their own limitations to a place in the world where equality is mandatory. Many have come before us trying to impose a different understanding to the Declaration of Independence, but this document has so far withstood all attempts on its wording. Today, Friday, July 4th in the Breezy Point ball field we will hear yet again those wonderful words and experience the hope that they brought to a then sorry world. Do we recognize some of what they were going through in our own world today? Listen closely as we hear the argument for the rights of individual people to stand as a free nation. We are not a world of entitlement but a nation of people who dedicate their lives and fortunes for the attainment of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. These are unalienable rights that in some cases we seem to have forgotten these days.

Yes, we have an obligation to take care of the poor, to house the homeless, heal the sick and bury the dead, provided that it is done in respect to each other. Let us remember as we celebrate this special day in our remarkable history that we are all equal and we all share a responsibility to live the best we can using our resources, time and intellect for the benefit of all.

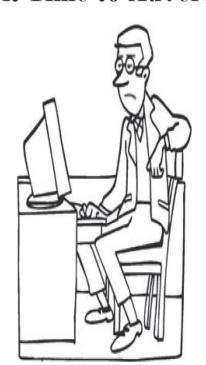
Happy Birthday America – may God continue to bless us in our endeavors.



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# Sign The Parking Petition

Dear Editor, and My Dear Neighbors,

I want to thank all of you who have been the first to sign the Resident Parking Pass Petition and join the effort to prioritize the owners in our parking plan. Let me share with you what has happened since this effort has started. I'm Bill Kiesel and I'm coordinating this proposal. I grew up in Breezy at 995 Bayside and my family came down here in 1953. I have lived in Roxbury since 1980. In my work career I was a Supt. of Building and Grounds for a NK-12th Private school upstate and I know parking issues very well.

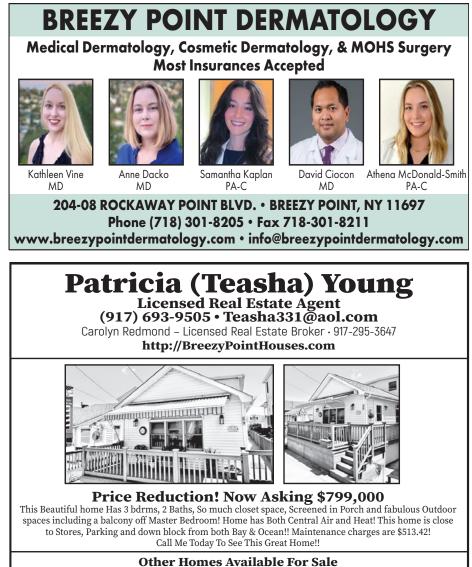
I was asked by Steve Greenberg to be a member of the Parking Committee and I have to thank Steve for that, even though we disagree on many things. I presented these ideas to the Parking Comm. and I was hoping for a good problem-solving think tank environment to figure some things out. It was quite the reverse as idea after idea was shot down over easily answered concerns. Steve suggested that I write to the Board and I did so. The response from Tim Cochrane, after input from the Parking Comm., the Community Relations Board, leaders from all 3 Associations and the Board of Directors that there was no interest in moving

forward with this idea of Prioritizing the Shareholders. I was surprised. How could any idea that would benefit the shareholders not be worthy of a good examination. Especially as the current obsolete system is reaching its breaking point and only benefits those shareholders that have a parking space already.

At first, we thought a Resolution would be a good idea, but it ended up being too full of legalize, stressful and expensive! So, a simple straight forward petition was chosen as the best way to show the Board that we wanted a system that separated the owners from everyone else who had an annual pass, and create dedicated areas for just us. How could people who don't even live here have the same parking access as the owners? It's ridiculous!

So, the plan going forward is to get the word out at Association meetings, chats at the barbecues, local watering holes etc. and get lots of names on the petition. Enough to show the Board there is a groundswell of support for this idea.

There is a website set up, and you can go there for Talking Points and ideas and a place to leave comments and sign the petition. It's really simple and we need you to get



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all your neighbors to go there and sign the petition. It takes about a minute. It's easy, you can use your phone or computer.

We also hope to have one or more of the Candidates embrace the idea and give us someone to vote for, or against. Elections are generally close and even a 100 votes can swing an election. Only half the Shareholders vote, so our impact is even more effective.

You have already shown an interest in this idea and now we need to work together to move this plan forward. It's not easy to make changes in Breezy. There's lots of jokes about that, so we are chasing windmills, as they say. Go to breezyparking.com and add your name... read the talking points... and leave comments, and get your fellow owners to sign the petition.

Go to the Association meetings and voice your support and ask why your representatives on the Community Relations Committee aren't interested in this idea. I have yet to hear a good argument for keeping our current... first come, first serve... sell unlimited annual parking passes plan. It's unsustainable and has to change at some point, and the time to start planning for that is now! Together... a better Breezy.

Bill Kiesel

# **BPC Parking**

Dear Editor,

I understand there is a grassroots movement to address resident only parking.

This parking situation is an ongoing problem, especially in Roxbury. Please sign the petition that is being brought around so we can have our BOD look seriously into finding a remedy.

Sincerely, Mary Bosch



# Happy Birthday!

Dear Editor,

We would like to wish Howard "Seadog" Bach a very Happy 101st Birthday!! Love from you friends and family in Breezy Point always. Born on The Fourth of July!

Mary Elizabeth Smith



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We hope all our readers have an outstanding Fourth of July weekend! Early weather reports are calling for a sun filled warm weekend, so it should be a great one for making memories. Please have a safe and fun weekend, and remember fireworks are illegal in New York City. Our Public Safety Department and the NYPD will be cracking down on those lighting off fireworks, fines and possible arrest can be some of the consequences, a word to the wise should be sufficient.

As we are coming up on the most patriotic week of the year in our little slice of heaven, we just want to remind everyone of some great events to show off your patriotic fervor: Today, Friday, July 4th am hoping everyone starts the day with the two awesome annual events happening this morning. The first will be the American Legion sponsored annual reading of the Declaration of Independence at the ballfield beginning at 10am. The reading is a great way to start off the holiday, and we thank the American Legion for keeping it going. After the reading, the 5th Annual Our Lady Of Knock Knights of Columbus Council Children's Patriot Parade will kick off from the Olive Walk parking lot at 11:30am. All the children and families of the Cooperative are encouraged to attend and participate in the parade, the Knights just ask you wear your finest Red, White and Blue and bring your American Flags to show your national pride to all.

On Saturday, July 5th the Breezy Point Cooperative Annual Fireworks Display will be happening around 9:30pm on the bayside beach. Though some folks may be against the Cooperative spending money on the fireworks, it really is a nice community event that brings everyone together, and the memories made are quite worth the cost. Thank you to the Cooperative for keeping this tradition going!

Finishing out an awesome weekend this Sunday, July 6th the 2nd Annual "Huggin' Duggan Sugar Bowl Volleyball Classic" will be held at the Sugar Bowl in loving memory of Caileigh Duggan. Caileigh, a lovely young girl, was taken from us at the far too young age of 18 years old two years ago, was a dear friend to everyone she met. Her parents Joe and MaryEllen have started a non-profit foundation in her memory which will provide scholarships and grants to celebrate individuals and organizations that make a meaningful difference in the lives of others, just like Caileigh did. Come on out and watch the great games, buy some Caileigh Gear and support this great fundraiser.

Am eagerly looking forward to the return of our most cherished Summer visitors next Thursday as the Annual Rockaway Warriors Weekend kicks off. Folks this year is going to epic, in addition to the yearly welcoming parade for the Warriors and their families on Thursday evening we will also have them as the honored guests of this year's Cooperative Family Day on Friday! The line-up for the weekend is as follows: the welcoming parade will come to town just after 6pm on Thursday, July 10th. The motorized parade will first go through Rockaway then back down State Road past Roxbury, making a left at Beach 207th Street to 8th Avenue then around the ball field and then out to the Rockaway Point Yacht Club around 6:30 - 7pm for the opening reception luau. Everyone is encouraged to come out and line the parade route to greet these fine men and women and their families who have sacrificed so much for us all. Please once again break out your finest Red, White and Blue clothing and your American Flags to give these folks the grandest of all receptions! Then on Friday, July 11th after a day of water activities the warriors and their families will be the guests of honor at our annual Cooperative Family Day in the Breezy Ballfield. Family Day will start at 3:30pm with a carnival for the kids, including rides, bounce houses and snacks. At 6:30pm the band Stolen Silver will open up the concert portion of the evening and get the crowd going for the headliner Gary Sinse and the Lt. Dan Band, who should be taking the stage around 7:30pm. The decision to combine Family Day and the Rockaway Warriors is a stroke of genius, and also a thank you from the Rockaway Warrior Organizers for all the outstanding support the weekend has received here in Breezy for

the past 20+ years. (Just a reminder to all that glasses and glass bottles are not allowed on the ballfields in the Cooperative, please plan your beverage choices for the day with that in mind).

Saturday the Warriors will once again enjoy the waters around our community and then on Sunday the annual Warrior Mass will take place at 10am at the Breezy Point 9/11 Memorial. Mass attendees are encouraged to bring their own beach chairs as seating will be limited to the Warriors and their families.

Unfortunately we have to send our condolences to the Sheehan Family on the passing of their patriarch Edward this past week. Edward will be sorely missed by his loving family and many friends here in the Point. We pray that he will rest in peace.

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# **RPFD Holds Successful Golf Outing**



Some of the RPFD Vollies taking a moment from their fundraising duties at the After Golf Party to pose for the Pointer.

On Friday, June 27th the Rockaway Point Volunteer Fire and Ambulance Corps. held their 3rd Annual Fundraising Golf Outing. The event in its third year was once again a smashing success. The Busiest On The Beach had a great turnout of golfers and revelers for the Tournament and the ensuing after golf party with the band "Hell Or High Water". RPFD Chief Jimmy Morton thanks all the golfers, revelers, as well as the hole and beverage sponsors for their tremendous support.

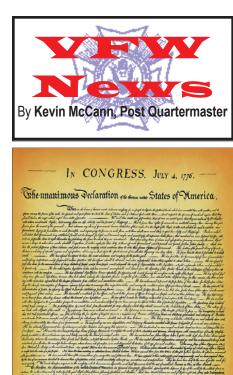


The Hell or High Water Band rocking the crowd at the Annual RPFD Golf Outing.



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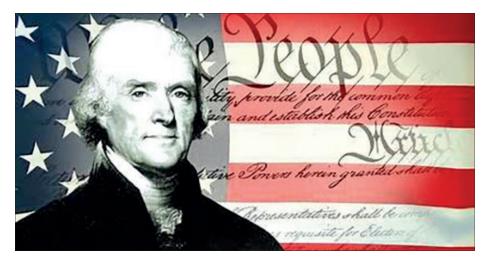


Two hundred forty nine years ago today, on July 4, 1776, American colonists declared their independence from Great Britain. This historic proclamation — known as the Declaration of Independence — was unanimously adopted by the Second Continental Congress, whose delegates represented all thirteen colonies.

At the time, the colonists had already been at war with Britain for over a year. Starting in 1767, seeking to recoup costs from the Seven Years' War with France, Parliament imposed a series of unpopular taxes on the colonies and enacted punitive measures like the Intolerable Acts, which included shutting down Boston Harbor in retaliation for the Boston Tea Party. Despite these burdensome taxes, many colonists still hoped for reconciliation — even after the Revolution began at Lexington and Concord in April 1775. But British reprisals persisted.

In November 1775, Thomas Jefferson, the primary author of the Declaration, wrote: "Believe me, dear Sir: there is not in the British empire a man who more cordially loves a union with Great Britain than I do. But by the God that made me, I will cease to exist before I yield to a connection on such terms as the British Parliament purpose: and in this, I think I speak the sentiments of America."

John Hancock was the first to sign the Declaration — legend has it he wrote his name boldly so King George III could read it without his spectacles. To the revolutionaries, Hancock was a beloved patriot, statesman, and merchant; to the British, he was merely a notorious smuggler — "perhaps the biggest smuggler in all the colonies." A wealthy inheritor of a successful trading business, Hancock had a large fleet carrying in-demand goods like tea and rum. He used his



fortune to support the colonial cause. His popularity in Massachusetts soared after British authorities seized his sloop Liberty in 1768 and accused him of smuggling. He disdainfully accused Parliament of "trying to enforce obedience to acts of Parliament, which neither God nor man ever empowered them to make." Wishing everyone a glorious Fourth of July! I hope to see many of you this morning at the American Legion's reading of the Declaration of Independence at 10:00am at the Breezy Point ballfield, followed by the Knights of Columbus — sponsored Patriots' Parade at 11:30am (starting at Pelham Walk and heading to the Sugar Bowl).



# Breezy Point Cooperative

### **53rd ANNUAL TEEN SHOW**

### Dates: August 11-15 - DON'T GET SHUT OUT - ALL CHILDREN MUST BE REGISTERED BY MONDAY, JULY 7 IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE.

Teens practice every Monday and Wednesday beginning June 30th – 7:00 p.m. Colony Theater

Pre-Teen practice every Tuesday beginning July 1st – 7:00 p.m. – Colony Theater Registration forms and waivers can be obtained on the Breezy Point

Cooperative website, at the Receptionist desk or by email to Theresa Flanigan (see address below). Forms may be dropped at the Cooperative Office via the mailbox located at the front door of the Cooperative Building. We would ask that you put your completed registration form and waiver, along with your check (made payable to Breezy Point Cooperative) or cash in an envelope with your child's name on the front indicating "Teen Show." Any questions or for more information please contact **Theresa Flanigan at 718-945-2300 X8673** or by email at **tflanigan@breezypointcoop.org** 

### **THEATER CAMP 2025**

Registration is now closed. Camp will begin on **Monday, July 7th at 9:00 a.m.** PROMPTLY. If your child is registered, please check your email for important supplies and information needed for the first day of class. If you did not receive an email, please contact **Theresa Flanigan at** 

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### **RADIO BINGO**

Featuring DJ's @ Work – Do you like music? Then this event is one you will enjoy! – **Saturday, July 19th- 8:00 P.M.** - \$25.00 PP - Colony Theater– BYOB – 21 & Over – This isn't your Grandma's Bingo!!!! Grab your friends and be prepared for a night of good entertainment and lots of laughs! Reservation required – 50 tickets remain - to reserve your ticket contact **Theresa Flanigan** -**718-945-2300 x8673** or email **tflanigan@breezypointcoop.org** 

### **FAMILY FUN DAY 2025**

Breezy Point Cooperative and Rockaway Warriors Weekend present Family Fun Day 2025. We welcome families of children and young adults in our community with sensory needs to come and enjoy an inclusive half hour prior to the start of our carnival. We'd like to extend this sensory time from 3:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m. We ask that if you plan on attending our early session, you contact **Theresa Flanigan by email <u>tflanigan@breezypointcoop.org</u> or calling <b>718-945-2300 X8673**. Sensory friendly time includes smaller crowds, less wait times for rides, lower music volume, and an overall fun experience for all. We look forward to celebrating our first sensory friendly time with you! Details regarding the remainder of the day are listed below:

### **FAMILY DAY**

Rockaway Warriors Weekend and the Breezy Point Cooperative present Gary Sinise & the Lt. Dan Band as a thank you for your continuing support of our nation's heroes.

**Friday, July 11th** at the RP/BP Ballfield. Includes a carnival, music, etc. Schedule as follows:

Carnival: 3:00-3:30 Sensory Friendly Time and then 3:30-6:30 Open to all Stolen Silver Band: 6:30

### Gary Sinese & Lt. Dan Band: 7:30

Grab a beach chair, some refreshments and your family and come join us as we honor our heroes and thank all of you for your endless support for our warriors! Special thanks to the many organizations that have donated thus far to help make this event the best one yet! A full list of our sponsors will be presented the night of the concert.

# Talk About An Away Game!



Brynn Hullah, Ryan McKeefrey, and James Fugelsang, local Breezy Pointers, traveled to Matosinhos, Portugal this week to compete in the Matosinhos Cup soccer tournament with Kosmos TST. All the kids did a fantastic job, had some great results and made some new friends, local and Portuguese. Congrats!!





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This coming weekend we will be day, July 10th the Rockaway Warcelebrating America's 249th Birthday on Friday, July 4, 2025 Independence Day. There are many ways we can show our patriotic pride this coming weekend, foremost being the flying of an American Flag from your home. Some other ways are by attending the following patriotic events and displays:

This morning, Friday. July 4th the 14th Annual Breezy Point Reading of the Declaration of Independence will take place at the Breezy Point ball field beginning at 10am. The reading, originally the brainchild of Bob and the late Lorraine Pierson, is sponsored once again this year by the Breezy Point American Legion Post 1847 who will be assisted by the Sea Scouts of Ship 343. The reading of the Declaration of Independence has been described by many a prior attendee, as the perfect way to celebrate America's birthday. It serves as a mini history lesson that reminds us all, young and old alike, of the courageous and unprecedented stance our forefathers took in declaring ourselves free from English rule. The Legionaries will have American Flags to hand out as well as pocket sized copies of the Declaration of Independence, so the crowd can follow along with the selected Sea Scout who will read aloud perhaps one of the most important documents in our country's history. We have also printed the full Declaration of Independence on page 28 of this week's paper if you'd like to bring that along instead.

Also happening today, Friday, July 4th, is the Breezy Point Knights of Columbus, Our Lady of Knock Council 17580 5th Annual Children's Patriotic Parade which will kick off at 11:30am from the Olive Walk Parking Lot and the Promenade and proceed along the Ocean Promenade to the Sugar Bowl. All the children of the community are encouraged to join in the line of march wearing their finest patriotic clothing while waving American flags. Joining the children will be contingents of veterans from VFW Post 8540, American Legion Post 1847, our local Boy and Sea Scouts, contingents of our Volunteer Fire Departments and the Roxbury Gladiolas and Breezy Point Catholic Club Pipe and Drum Band. Residents are encouraged to come out and cheer on the parade as it passes.

Tomorrow, Saturday, July 5th the Breezy Point Cooperative Annual Fireworks Display will take place after 9:30pm on the bayside beach. The rain date for the Fireworks is Sunday, July 6th. All residents are reminded that the use of fireworks is illegal in New York City and is prohibited. Breezy Point Public Safety and the NYPD will be on property and violators maybe fined and or arrested.

The patriotic fervor will continue later next week when on Thursrior Weekend comes back to town. The Warriors will be welcomed back to town with the traditional parade through Rockaway and Breezy Point sometime after 6pm. The parade will come off the Marine Parkway Bridge go east along Rockaway Beach Boulevard to Beach 120th Street, go up to Beach Channel Drive and then head towards Breezy around 6:30pm. The parade will come down State Road in Roxbury, continue into Rockaway Point Blvd. then make a left at Beach 207th Street, then a right at 8th Avenue and come around the ball field before exiting at Beach 210th Street and heading back up the road to the

Rockaway Point Yacht Club where not allowed on the ballfields in the an opening reception luau will be celebrated. The warriors will then enjoy two great days of water borne activities and events, including the Friday night, July 11th Breezy Point Cooperative & Rockaway Warriors Weekend Family Day & Concert featuring the bands Stolen Silver and Gary Sinse & The Lt. Dan Band at the Breezy Ballfield. The carnival will start at 3:30 with rides, snacks and drinks for the kids, and then the opening band Stolen Silver will perform from 6:30 to 7:30 with Gary Sinse and the Lt. Dan Band taking the stage at 7:30pm. (Just a reminder to all that glasses and glass bottles are

Cooperative, please plan your beverage choices for the day with that in mind).

The Rockaway Warrior Weekend will conclude with the traditional closing Mass at the Breezy Point 9/11 Memorial on Sunday, July 13th beginning at 10am. Attendees to the Mass are encouraged to bring their own chairs to the event as seating will be limited and mostly for the Warriors and their families.

Whether you make all or just some of the patriotic events this coming week or next, we wish one and all of our neighbors a Happy and Healthy Independence Day!



**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS** 

Breezy Point Cooperative, Inc. is seeking proposals of interest for the development and best use of the area/structure known as the Community House.

Located in Roxbury at 231 Hillside Avenue, Rockaway Point, NY 11697, the Community House will be a single-story frame commercial building, reconstructed to approximately 1,550 square feet. Approved plans show a flood compliant raised one-story structure to be comprised of two separate suites, with Mercantile / Use Group 6 Occupancy. Decks will adorn the building on all sides and grade level space, along with an ADA compliant access ramp.

The Community House building is in the center of a quiet residential cooperative with homes on the west, north and east sides and a parking lot abutting the south side.

The Cooperative is requesting submission of a proposal which may be 3 to 5 years in length for short term interest. The Cooperative will also consider longer term proposals for the entire complex. Of primary interest to the Cooperative is providing the community deli or convenience type services along with any other applicable use. Proposals should include the following:

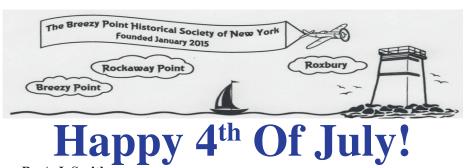
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Interested parties/individuals should submit proposals to:

General Manager Breezy Point Cooperative, Inc. 202-30 Rockaway Point Blvd Rockaway Point, NY 11697

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### By A.J. Smith

Two hundred forty-nine years ago, the Declaration of Independence put to writing the ideals of a group of people who literally cherished the desire for freedom over their own lives. Some of the Founding Fathers were wealthy businessmen. John Hancock was one of the wealthiest men in New England, while George Washington was born into a poor family but, after becoming a war hero for the English in the French and Indian War, married one of the richest widows in "The Colonies." Samuel Adams was an entrepreneur whose business was ruined by the British, creating a lifelong hatred of the crown that England would come to regret. An interesting group of people who, despite their differences in wealth and background, took an oath to "pledge our lives, our fortunes and our sacred honor" in the pursuit of "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

From the beginning, July 4th has been celebrated as the birthday of our country. This community, which has always had a strong patriotic culture, has always celebrated the Fourth of July with spirit and appreciation for the freedoms we have fought to protect these 249 years. In the 1960s and 70s, the shorelines of Breezy traditionally featured large bonfires that burned through the night. Despite being illegal, fireworks were everywhere, and most children growing up in Breezy had direct experience with sparklers, roman candles and other sorted explosives.

Eventually, there was a crackdown on fireworks, and our beaches became protected for wildlife Fireworks and camp fires became a thing of the past. A few years later, the community invested in its own firework show, held annually on the bayfront. Superstorm Sandy interrupted them for a few years, but the bayfront fireworks, this year scheduled for July 5, have become a major celebration of friends and family here in Breezy Point.

Another more "recent" tradition is the reading of the Declaration of Independence every 4th of July at the Breezy Point ballfield. The idea, started by the Pierson's, has become an outstanding way of being reminded of the document that propelled our Colonies into a Nation. It is also a reminder that the ideals of liberty, equality, and justice are not just inherited; they must be earned anew by each generation.

I would like to take a moment to say thank you to those who attended our 10th Annual Meeting and were treated to an outstanding "then and now" presentation



I'd like to invite everyone to the Clubhouse on July 16 at 7PM as I give a presentation on the "Bars of versary, I am also excited that we Happy and Safe 4th of July.

by our Treasurer Artie Lighthall. have brought back our Annual Hall of Fame dinner on August 21 at 7PM at the Clubhouse.

On behalf of Breezy Point Histor-Breezy Point". On our 10th Anni- ical Society, may I wish everyone a



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The 2nd "Annual Huggin' Duggan Sugar Bowl Volleyball Classic" will take place on Sunday, July 6th, 2025 at the Sugar Bowl. Please come down to see some of the finest female athletes - nearly 200 from Rockaway Volleyball Training (RVT) – play to honor their Sand Sista' Caileigh Caileigh Duggan. As importantly, all proceeds from the event benefit The Caigh It Forward Foundation.

The day's agenda includes: 8:30 a.m.- opening prayer, followed by play time; noon - speeches followed by continued play until late afternoon. There are many ways to donate including: 50/50s, high-ticket item raffles, shirts and gear and donations.



Thank you to the Sugar Bowl, Rockaway Volleyball Training and all those who have supported the event through pre-sales and things like net sponsorships. Caileigh happily played in this tournament for years and now it is being renamed in her honor.

As many know, Caileigh was a life-

slamming in and out of the house with a ton of friends, never stopping to relax, never wanting to miss a moment of living or a moment of fun. She played volleyball with joy, fun and hugs for her teammates and even her opponent friends and coaches. She seemed to want everyone to win. Both on and off the court, Caileigh was humble, encouraging to others, positive and willing to give her love to anyone who needed it.

There have been numerous scholarships and events established in Caileigh's name. The "Annual Huggin' Duggan Sugar Bowl Volleyball Classic" is one of them. Now, we are now launching an overall Foundation – The Caigh It Forward Foundation - to further support scholarships to reward and recognize kindness. Guided by the way

was always coming and going, doors our Caileigh lived - with love, courage, and a heart full of kindness - our mission is to spark a movement that brings compassion to schools, sports, and communities everywhere. Especially for those who need it most. We will continue to update everyone on ways to give to this important Foundation and on our soon-to-be launched website.

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The Caigh It Forward Foundation's mission is - through scholarships, grants, and events - to celebrate and support those who lead with kindness and make a meaningful impact in everyday moments. While other scholarships focus on academics, service and athleticism, ours is unique. Our goal is to make kindness a skill, a mindset, a movement. We believe kindness

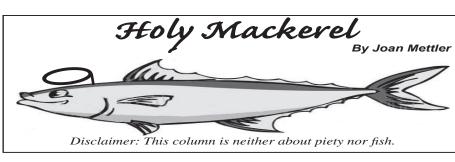
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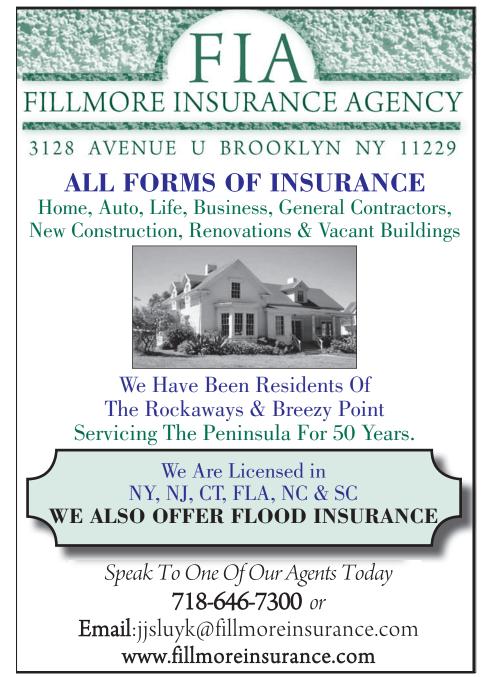


# We Must Take the Blame

Every generation is saddled with the responsibility of handing down an improved socio-economic system to the next generation. In order assure children that America is a nice place to live now and in the future, it is the job of parents, teachers, friends, relatives, clergy and government to play up the wonderful aspects of society while exercising control over those parts that could be trouble. To say we have failed at our most crucial responsibility is to be truthful. Is our future beyond redemption?

It would seem prior to admitting a small handheld transportable gadget into society that puts the world in a kid's pocket was harmless should have garnered a lot more scrutiny than what actually occurred. Surely if the phone was limited to phone calls then parents could be assured their kids were safe. Men could have dinner awaiting them when they returned from work or phone it into a restaurant and pick it up on the way home. Tickets to plays and concerts could be purchased without having to stand on line. Even checks could be deposited without enduring lines in the bank. Imagine your job was to sell one of these thingamajigs and telling buyers they would never have to wait on line in a bank again. Yes, the phone does quite a bit when it comes to time management. In addition to saving time, phones can rearrange time. Remember every Christmas holiday when we waited for our favorite movies with unabashed anticipation? No more. Now we can watch anything anytime. We can binge watch and delay watching. We can skip commercials. Students can bypass libraries doing research for assignments online. What wonderful time savers! But, anticipation wasn't a bad thing. It made us savor a once a year experience we could enjoy with the whole family. Not standing on lines, although sometimes unpleasant could offer a life lesson in patience.

It's what succeeding generations do with all the time they save that has become problematic. O.K. prior to the introduction of the cell phone, if someone told you your children or grandchildren could access porn on this thing called the internet, would you have been so eager to allow those phones in the hands of your children? If you were informed that some of the meanest treatment of children called shaming, could drive your child



to suicide, would you not only buy that phone; but, all the apps that have been contributing to unhappiness in the lives of many youngsters? If you were in your own home and your child was in another room for hours on his phone would you be pleased he wasn't bothering you? Could the phone be the babysitter for this generation that TV was for those prior?

Would you have been cell phone gungho if you knew your child's social life excluded being physically present in groups at parties as they were for generations prephone? Do you remember when years ago homes had but a single land line? Calls were mainly for adults. An incoming long distance call from a relative necessitated the family gather around the phone and the receiver being passed from one family member to another to hear 'granny's voice?' Do you recall how expensive toll calls were? That money, now saved, is being spent on expensive phones and apps.

When time controlled us, we did more intensive thinking about everything from life to sports, from future plans to summer days at the beach. With the coming of cell phones, most free time is spent talking, playing games or texting friends who feel comfortable disclosing their inner most secrets. And, every time they get a thought or idea they haven't expressed before, they feel compelled to post it like an angler casting for fresh water fish; to get any response that makes them feel important. Even when the response is negative, it is still coveted. However, a number of negative responses could drive a youngster off the deep end.

Phones open doors to chat rooms to those too immature to handle it; even voyeurs seeking to cultivate vulnerable young innocents. Can you believe some cell phonies earn big bucks as influencers, influencing young people in the wrong direction? That congress was well aware of the expansive nature of the online experience especially to youth and did nothing to rein it in including warning parents of the possible calamities phones could cause only goes to show they couldn't care less. Thus, cell phone control is dropped in the parents' lap. The only time congress appeared to be interested was denying TikTok, a major influencer from China, access to our millions of phone users. Unfortunately, today's norm in congre\$\$ comes down to lobbying (see smoking, firearms ownership...). Really, isn't influencing the job of lobbyi\$t\$?

What children do with their saved time in our cell phone world must be addressed and controlled by parents? Do today's parents insist their offspring spend that time reading, thinking, exercising, exploring hobbies; or, do they spend it in chat rooms or on social networks being influenced by a person with no credentials in the field of influence?'

Online dating at any acceptable age is reality. But, phone contact omits romance, passion and the love that their parents and grandparents experienced. In person meetings at dances, sporting events, church and at the gym might be the best go-to meeting places.

Is it too late for parents to get involved in their children's cell phone activity? A cell phone in the hands of a child with no restrictions attached can destroy a child's ego and life. It could provoke suicide via a series of shaming and bullying. It could initiate sexual deviance from those we least expect. It could replace socialization: courting, romance, love and plain friendships.

Parents, talk to your children. Be curious about how they spend their time. You won't be sorry you did. You could be sorry you didn't.

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# Holistichealth

Wishing everyone a wonderful, safe and enjoyable 4th of July!

By Sheila Connors-Cardinale, R

Lots of barbecuing is going on during these hot summer months. One of my all-time favorites is corn on the cob. It's a summer staple that is full of nutrition and flavor. It has a naturally sweet flavor and that wonderful crunch. It's great hot or cold, in sweet and savory meals, or just eaten right off of the cob.

Corn is actually a member of the grass family. It originated in present-day Mexico and is native to North America. Corn can come in several colors: usually yellow, white, or bicolored, and is at its best during the months of May through September.

Corn is really nutritious. Just one cup can give us more than 10% of our daily recommended amount of fiber, helps nourish the gut bacteria, and helps promote regularity, as well as other digestive benefits. It is also a great vitamin C, magnesium, folate, and potassium source. This starchy whole grain provides lutein and zeaxanthin, antioxidants that may help us reduce the risk of chronic eye diseases such as cataracts and age-related macular degeneration.

When you're looking to purchase or pick your own corn, look for ears





that seem to be heavy for their size. You want the kernels that are plump. Corn loses its sweetness the longer it's off the stalk, so try and eat it as soon as possible to maximize the delicious sweet flavor. To keep them fresh, store your ears of corn in the vege-



table crisper in your refrigerator. You can also shuck the corn, boil it for 3-4 minutes and cool in an ice bath and then freeze it for later use. You can also cut the kernels from the cob and place them in a zip-lock freezer bag or resealable freezer container.

Corn is very versatile. It is delicious grilled, roasted, or boiled and seasoned (not too much butter). If you cut the corn off of the cob you can make a corn salsa, or just add it to salads or blend it into a creamy soup for a pop of flavor. Sweet corn loves its other summertime produce such as tomatoes, sweet onions, and basil to make an easy and delicious salad. Enjoy!

> Yours in health, Sheila

# **Huggin Duggan Tourney This Sunday**

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shouldn't be random — it should be daily, visible, and practiced. Because one person, in one moment, can make someone feel seen. Understood. Less alone. And when that happens? Kindness becomes contagious.

We believe that in a world that moves fast and feels disconnected, kindness should be encouraged every day. We believe it's heroic. And, it should be rewarded. It can inspire others to do the same. That's the ripple effect Caileigh started. She understood the power of showing up for others — without hesitation, giving of her time, a hug or a kind word. She seemed to live her life "out loud," very physical and verbal with her feelings towards and time for others. She could literally almost knock you over with it. That's why our event is called "The Huggin' Duggan" tournament.

The Caigh It Forward Foundation currently supports numerous schol-

arships — based on kindness — at Fontbonne Hall Academy, the Girls' NY State High School Athletics Association, the O'Malley Irish Dance Academy, and others. Yet, we are growing — with your help. Scholarships are now planned for Blessed Trinity Sports, UTK Nursing, UTK Delta Gamma, The Tunnel to Towers Foundation and numerous veteran associations. All of Caileigh's loves. She would be proud to know that this year's event is being held on the 4th of July weekend — she was patriotic beyond her years.

We remain overwhelmed with everyone's love and efforts to honor and remember Caileigh. We believe Breezy Point is one of the kindest environments and, yet, there's also an outside world where others can bring that kindness — and others can benefit. We challenge everyone to show up for our event on July 6th at the Sugar Bowl and to show up for kindness. To *Caigh It Forward*.



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### HONORING AMERICA'S 249TH BIRTHDAY

On this sunny summer June 30th afternoon, as Big Jack's editor prepares this week's column, he thanks on behalf of the PBFD, American Legion Post 1847 for sponsoring the annual reading of the Declaration of Independence on July 4th 10AM at the Breezy Ball Field, the Knights of Columbus for hosting their 5th anniversary Patriots Parade starting at the Ocean Promenade and Olive Walk also on the fourth starting at 11AM and of course the Co-op for Saturday nights fireworks show, which can be seen from all the bayside beaches.

### **FIRE SAFETY TIP**

Last week there were three serious auto accidents on Rockaway Point Blvd. Therefore, please drive slowly and cautiously on that road and on all of our streets and parking lots.

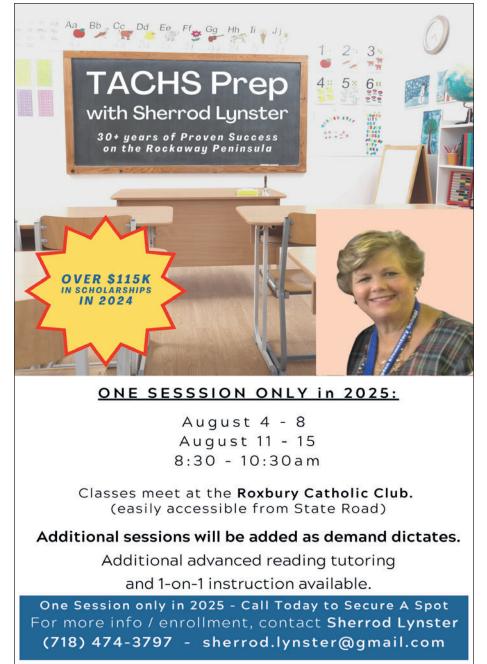
The Co-op's traffic and Parking regulations are designed to enable emergency vehicles to quickly reach our homes. By complying with these regulations, we show that we are good neighbors who truly care about the safety of our fellow Pointers.

### ANNUAL FIREMAN'S DANCE TICKETS GOING FAST

Don't miss out on all the fun at our Saturday, July 26th annual Fireman's Dance featuring the Pour Boys. You can make your reservations simply by calling Sondra Whalen at 917-817-8671, Kelly Morgan at 646-764-6078 or Jim O'Meara at 516-383-4244. Also, be on the lookout for Chris Warren who is going up and down the walks, lanes and streets selling chances for a Phoenix Beach Buggy with a bike hitch and also for a Wonder Wheel Beach Package, which will be raffled off at the dance.

### \$100 CLUB NEWS

Our club members did not let the blackout, which knocked out the Point Breeze Clubhouse's AC from enjoying themselves at Sunday's drawings, as they cheered on the lucky winners for June, July and August. We're already planning our October Fest themed drawing scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 27th starting at 2PM.



### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

We all wish happy July Birthdays to our chaplain Father Brian Jordan O.F.M. senior PBFD firefighter Tim O'Regan, Tracy McElhinney, Assistant PBFD Chief Keith Whalen and all who are celebrating birthdays this month.

### THE BEST IN BREEZY OUT SLUG JAMAICA

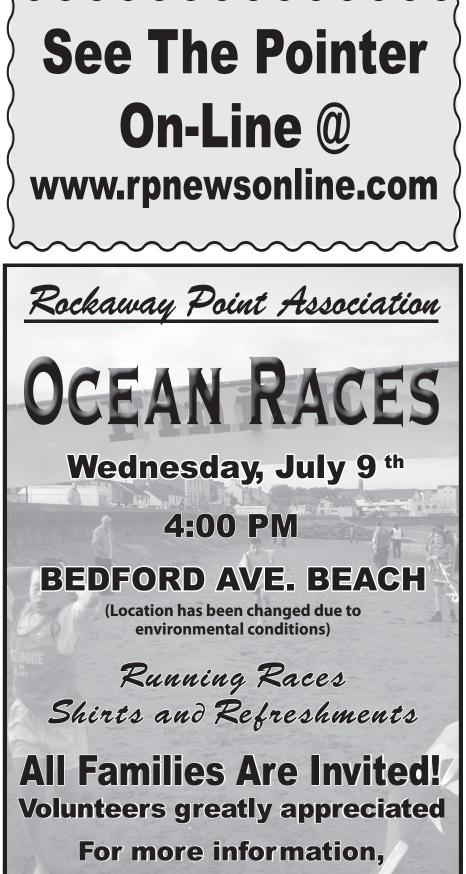
Best in Breezy manager Jim O'Meara told the assembled media at his post game news conference held at the Sugar Bowl Deck that the team's bats came alive, as they out slugged the tough Jamaica team 12 to 5 in a very exciting well played game.

### HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY

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At the next Point Breeze Association meeting, on July 14, at the Point Breeze Club House — 35 Point Breeze Ave. - the meeting will BEGIN at 7:00PM (This is an Alert for a time change). At 7:00PM, there will be a presentation by Bill Trotter, Technology Director for the Breezy Point Cooperative beginning with log-in, access, and navigating into the Condo Control software. This is a "golden opportunity" to bring your personal laptops, iPads, tablets and smart phones to open the door for access to all the listed Events on the Breezy Point Cooperative calendar (Cooperative events, scheduled Association meetings, Clubs, Society's and many others).

Post Condo Control presentation, BPC General Manager Denise Lopresti will give an update on the events and activities within the Coop community. This will then be followed by a formal vet orderly question and answer discussion.

> Kevin G. Kelly President Point Breeze Association

# **Are We Commissioned Too?**

### **Deacon Tom Murphy**

There is a familiar story about a young boy who was walking along the beach littered with starfish. He picked one up and threw it back into the water. An older man said, "Son, why bother. There are so many, it won't make a difference. The boy replied, "Well, it made a difference to that one."

This Sunday's Gospel describes Jesus sending 72 disciples to go ahead of Him to every town and place He was to visit. He said the harvest is abundant but the laborers are few. mer 2025. What's the Bayhouse serv-

This is also so true today. We live in a world with so few priests and so many souls needing conversion. Interestingly, during our Blessed Mother's recent apparitions, She is constantly asking us to pray for our priests.

When the disciples returned from their journeys, they were very excited to tell Jesus how they cured the sick in His name. "Lord, even the demons are subject to us because of your name." How great was that! They had to be on cloud 9!

So here we are today, it's Sum-



ing Wednesday? When is the Blarney opening? Are there flies on the beach? Does that Gospel have anything to do with us, today? Absolutely! We were not born by accident. Each of us has a role to play in God's kingdom. Sadly, due to Adam and Eve, that heavenly kingdom has been put on hold though. But still, what is our role here and now?

No matter what age we are, we too are commissioned to announce our Lord to the world. Are we called to perform miracles or to cure the sick and expel demons? In a sense, Yes. However, it is not automatic or quite that dramatic.

Most of us have a set routine about charging our cell phones. If we only charged them once a week for an hour, "Fahghetta bout it." It'll never work. You will be cut off from family, friends and directions.

Now substitute the word "charging" with "graces." If we only receive grace once a week for an hour, it's not enough! Going to Church weekly won't do it. We need to talk to our Lord daily. Talking is praying. Traditional prayers are wonder-

ful but so is just sharing your hopes and dreams every day. The graces will flow. You will find yourself with more patience and peace. Ask Our Lord to help you spread His light. As St. Therese said, "It's the little things that make a difference."

- On line at Stop and Shop and the cashier girl looks annoyed and bored. She scans your card and you smile and say, "How are you today?" - The Amazon guy is sweltering

and you offer him a bottle of water.

- You're fed up with the traffic on the Belt and you turn off the radio off and offer it up for an intention.

There are countless ways to cure the sick, not physically, but spiritually.

Jesus said to His excited disciples..."do not rejoice because the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice because your names are written in Heaven." May we be mindful of charging our spiritual selves daily. Our Blessed Mother stated, "Pray with your life not just your lips." Go make a difference to your brothers and sisters. They are more valuable than starfishes.

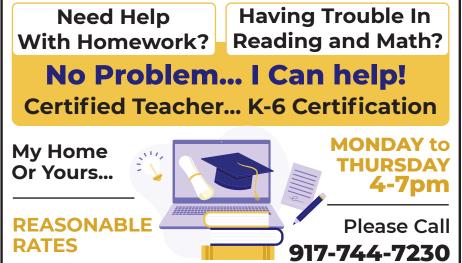
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# Lady Of Knock Columbiettes Sip n Paint | Rockaway Little League Finishes Up



A great time was had by all as the Columbiettes tried out our artistic creativity last Wednesday night, at the Monsignor Connelly Church Hall. Special thanks to art instructor extraordinaire Karen Sullivan for making it look easy to paint, and to Eddie from Breezy Point Liquor store for going above and beyond to keep the Prosecco flowing!!!

Photo by Thomas Willis



Championship season at Rockaway Little League concluded on Monday night June 23rd with Breezy Lumber, the top seed in the Pee Wee Seniors division, claiming the title with a 4-0 victory over McManus Plumbing.





The Pee Wee Seniors division was very tight to the finish. Breezy only had a half-game lead over Meat Up Grill when the season concluded. Third-place McManus was just one game further back. The Plumbers made it to the finals by knocking off the Grill, 6-3, in a well-played game last Saturday. The champs had advanced with a 6-1 win over Ridgewood Bank. The PWS playoffs began with a 14-13 barnburner, as Ridgewood edged Crustino's Pizza.

Saturday, June 21st saw two crowns claimed, by Berkshire Hathaway in Minor Girls and by Giuseppe's Barbershop in Minor Boys. For Giuseppe's it capped an undefeated season, but it was not easy. They had to overcome an early deficit against the rugged TK Foundation team. Berkshire Hathaway was nearly as flawless in its march to the title. They capped a great season by beating Shannon Florist 12-3.

The first title of 2025 was won by Z-Shells in an upset over Belle Harbor & Neponsit Living. Z-Shells prevailed in a tight, 5-3 game. They had advanced to the finals with the similarly competitive game (6-3) against Walsh Properties.

It was a wonderful 72nd season for Rockaway Little League. Game play in the non-competitive divisions (T-Ball, Pee Wee Girls, Pee Wee Jr.) also wrapped up by Monday, June 23rd.



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# Leading the League No More!

In a surprisingly competitive game, your Cakes went down to the not so Huggable (or lovable) Bears, 7 - 3. Week One's defense forgot to show up on a couple of key plays and we were doomed. An emergency team meeting following the game proved only one thing, we really don't have many All-Star players, but the roster is chock full of Hall of Fame finger pointers.

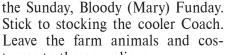
Due to the swarm caused by the Gip's 60th birthday, Coach Corral has outlawed acknowledging birthdays during the ten week season. The argument that only the Gipper has that much gravitas, mainly made by Gipper, were to no avail.

Ponzi schemes don't slowly unravel, they crash down like the tent almost did when Frankenboots tried to "sweep the leg, Johnny" with the broken bench. Corral pushed the wraps and mystery sandwich platters to distract from the rapidly dwindling beer supply. Shakes saved the day with an emergency beer run that took the heat off Coach, who then had his hands full with the King complaining we had TOO MUCH ice and the unruly mob who didn't want to take the tent down.

Kareem Abdul Benoit then took to the mic to serenade Chris with a rap song he co-wrote with Showtime aptly titled, "Gipper, Gippa, Gip!!!" It was a dang shame that some of the Cakes who like Phil on the mic the most missed it. When Stretch Benoit wasn't dunking on the tent frame, he was pointing out the "numerous" Cakes he towers over. Steve T was exhibit 1. When Steve mounted a bike which made him look like he was a circus performer atop a 10 foot unicycle, we started to think Phil was on to something.

Speaking of Thurman Benoit, if you haven't heard (only because you haven't crossed paths with him), he had a nice put out at the plate Sunday. He attributed his statue like positioning to his Stihl drill screwing his cleats down in front of the plate. He immediately reached out to Stihl to parlay this into another lucrative endorsement deal. However, his rep agency led by Sprinkles convinced him to shop around first for a better deal. "I'm committed to making as much money for King Thurman as possible! That Cessna's going to be expensive!"

As you can see from the photos, someone thought it was a good idea to give Gipper a pair of white pants. True, it's after Memorial Day and



Sleeveless Sunday Funday was across the Nation. Those that comand Phil who don't own sleeves and

50% Italian), were at Urgent Care Monday morning with severe upper arm sunburns.

The fun continues next week with an 11am game against Fulton on the A field. Maybe we will put the inflatable guy at short to get some more range and/or create a distraction.

Remember, Sunday is Funday!

Paulie Walnuts





Frankenboots overcoming his fear of water. Lights? Still not so much.

before Labor Day, but some things are better left unseen.

Yorkie atoned this Sunday for his blatant laziness in week one when he declined to make an ice run to his brother's house with three bags of half melted slush. He then filled up his pic-a-nic basket with wraps and headed off to the beach with Boo Boo.

The inflatable purple guy was a bust similar to the dunk tank and

### Stick to stocking the cooler Coach. Leave the farm animals and costumes to the comedians.

similarly a fizzle. Corral scoffed about how he rules with an "iron fist" as sleeves were far too prevalent plied (with the exception of Gipper Pugs, who is our ethnic Cake, being



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I remember my early years playing for the PBFD in the Walk League. Everyone talked about the coveted pink flamingo and how we had to beat Jamaica to secure it for the year. At some point, after a Fire Department victory, the flamingo was kidnapped and that chapter of Walk League lore seemed lost to history. Nowadays, pink flamingos on someone's deck can have a more salacious meaning, teaming with the upside down pineapple as a message that most are not willing to send.

Still, the PBFD-Jamaica rivalry remains strong. The Red and White were victorious this time, besting the Jamaicans by a score of 12-5.

After a lackluster offensive performance last week, hitting heroes were aplenty for the PBFD in their second game. Kato Solicito cranked the team's first home run of the year, a three-run bomb that produced a grunt heard as far away as Riis Park. Campy sent a bases clearing triple into deep center field that effectively sealed the win. Leadoff hitter Sean Dowd reached base three times and scored twice. Eddie Morgan, James Costagliola, and Kevin Scott chipped in two hits apiece. One of Morgan's base hits was a booming ground rule double over the left field fence. Bill Tietjen reached base four times without swinging the bat once.

Mike Byrnes was his usual dominant self, limiting the opponents from putting together a big inning and never letting them get too close once the lead was established. The double play combo of Kato, Campy, and Groupenhoffer rolled their second DP of the young season.

The double meaning of the flamingo sent me on an investigative mission to see what items PBFD members had on their decks and doorsteps to see if anyone is up to any illicit behaviors. What I found was mostly innocent, but indicative of the people and players they are.

Eddie Morgan's deck is slanted heavily to the left side.

Rich Groupenhoffer has one of those personalized plaques with his family name on the front of his house. It may not have been a great idea. (see picture)

Third base coach Tom Basher has a giant red light parked on his porch. Coach Artie Holstrom has a giant windmill waving everyone home.

Mike Byrnes has a sign that reads "I don't see enough enthusiasm!".



Kato has an industrial sized olive oil press in his backyard and an assistant who slathers it on him as he lays out in the sun.

The only real surprise of my journey was finding a Mamdani for Mayor lawn sign on front of Mike Schramm's house. The PBFD hopes to keep good vibes going when they face the Bayhill Bombers in the early game following fireworks night. Team curfew is set at 10:30. Jimmy O'Meara will be conducting bed checks on all team members.



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# **Roxbury Ramblin Relics**

Where Every Game Is An Away Game

So, after five straight weekends of rain, we finally get a weekend of sunshine. The Roxbury Relics showed up in full force. Actually, it seemed like everybody that was on the roster was present and accounted for. The Relics played the boys from Fulton Walk known as the Floppers.

So, it may be the understatement of the year, but the first inning didn't start out as the Relics planned. The boys from Fulton walk took the name "The Walk League" literally as Serpico Mike had trouble finding the strike zone. As the first inning ended, the Relics were down 2-Nil! The game proceeded under the hot, blazing sun as each team fought their hardest. It seemed that the team that would make the most errors was going to come up short, and unfortunately, it was the Relics. A few misplayed balls in the infield and outfield, as well as some base running errors and errors from the base coaching staff cost the Relics the game. It should've been an exciting finish as the Relics started the seventh inning down just three runs and with one out and a man on Marty Mart hit a shot to right over the right fielders head. The man on base scored, but what should have been a standup triple ended up as the second out at the plate. And then hitting ground balls and not running them out also cost the Relics. In the end, the Relics came up short with the final score of 7 to 5.

One highlight of the game was AcoustRick kept his on base percentage at 1,000 through two games. Again, picking up a couple of hits and beating out an infield hit. It was good to see our Heckler captain back at the field, but as much as the Heckler hoard and Hecklerettes tried, they could not root their team to victory. Looking around during the game every time that the Relics took the field, it seemed that there was a whole other team of Relics on the bench. The Heckler hoard has grown to the point where they could field their own team.

Next week the Relics will face off against the Not So Young Jamaicans at 9:30 on the B Field.

# Walk League Standings

	W	L
Huggies	2	0
PBFD	1	1
Relics	1	1
Cakes	1	1
Bayhill	1	0
Fulton	1	0
Olive Pits	0	2
Jamaica	0	2

Results 6/29 Huggies Munch on Cakes 7-3 Floppers Bury Relics 8-3 F.D Retains Flamingo 12-5 Bayhill Bombs Pits 11-1



Kevin and Mary met in New York City and Kevin knew right away that Mary was "the kind of girl that was gonna help him find the answers." Mary is from a large, Irish Catholic family, only rivaled by Kevin's large, Irish Catholic family. Kevin is the seventh of eight kids, and the newlyweds are looking forward to celebrating with the whole Barker family on Utica Walk this Fourth of July weekend! Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Kevin and Mary Barker!

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We are based in Broad Channel and re our troop meetings right near the naica Bav Wildlife center. When the

Marine debris is not just unsightly. One unfortunate consequence of marine debris is the damage done to the many species of the oceans, including fish, sea turtles and seabirds who rely on clean water for survival. They can get caught in plastic rings and swallowing plastic can be fatal for them because they cannot digest it. Chemicals from this debris can even end up in our food. Gross, right? You may be thinking there is nothing you can do about this issue and the problem is too big to fix. Luckily, that's not true.



We spoke to Ms. Carolin Wood, a Girl Scout and a NYC Parks employee. She explained the massive prob-







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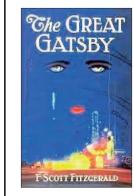
As a community we are already taking initiative by using cardboard when possible and reusable grocery bags and reusable containers to use less plastic. This effort of "Take 5" will help us respect our beach, our fellow human beings and beloved animals. Let's do our best for Mother Nature.

Spread the word about our project to "Take 5" (pieces of garbage off our beach) and inspire others to do the same! Remember positive change begins with you!

Thank you for your help!

Catherine Baker & the Members of Girl Scout Troop 04434





On June 26th twelve women meet at the Activity Center to discuss the book "The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store" by James McBride. Everyone agreed it was a rough read and not a

very pleasant read. It featured a rape, discrimination Klu Klux Klan and town gossip. One of the characters, Monkey Pants by name, was a favorite of most for he helped DoDo to survive the asylum. Most liked reading the story about the Grocery Store and how it became a safe haven especially for the black community.

Our next read is "The Great Gatsby" by F..Scott Fitzgerald. Story centers around Jay Gatsby and his lavish lifestyle during the Jazz Age in the year 1925. Location is in the West Egg part of Long Island among where the rich out do each other with their lavish mansions. It involves a romance between Jay and married Daisy Buchanan. Their affair ends in tragedy and loss. Come join us at our next meeting which will be held on July 17th at 28 Gotham Walk (Marcella's House) at 7PM. Please note location is different this month due to a conflict at the Activity Center.

# **Fulton Repels Relics**

its condolences to the family of Harry Blair. who passed away on the morning of June 30th. Harry was a great friend and neighbor, and was actually one of the founders of the Walk League. RIP Harry.

After a game one rainout the Floppers opened their season this week with a hard earned victory over the Roxbury Relics. Welcome rookies Arnold Rivadeniera and Adam Donegan both of whom contributed to the victory. Being that it is the Walk League the Floppers started the game with three walks to Gerard Flanigan, Jimmy Ryan and Steve McNally. Mike Salica followed with an RBI single driving home Gerard and Maddie's Daddy, Big George Seigrist then drove home Jimmy with a long sacrifice fly. 2-0 Floppers. In the top of the second, Joey Adinolfi started things off with a single to right. Rookies Adam and Arnold followed with singles of their own loading the bases for Gerard, who singled Joey home. Jimmy Ryan then brought home Adam with a sacrifice

The whole Fulton family extends fly. 4-0 Fulton. The Relics answered in the third inning by scoring 3. 4-3 Floppers after three. After a scoreless fourth inning Mike Salica led things off in the fifth with a single. Mike was forced out at second on a grounder by George and then Jose Rivadeneira had the blast of the day. His bomb to left was a home run scoring George ahead of him. 6-3 Floppers. In the bottom of the fifth a beautiful double play, Joe Biardi to Arnold to Mike at first squelched a Relic rally. In the top of the sixth the rookies struck again. Adam and Arnold singled and Gerard brought Adam home with a single of his own. 7-3 Floppers. The Relics scored one in the bottom of the inning to make the score 7-4 Fulton. The Floppers went down quietly in the seventh. In the bottom the Relics had a runner on second with one out. A long blast to right field beat Adam who tracked down the ball. He relayed to Arnold who relayed to Jimmy Ryan who relayed to Gerard for the out at home. Final score 7-5 Floppers. Next week is the Johnny Cakes at eleven.



### **OUESTION:**

Dear Father Perry, Where have you been? We haven't heard from you in too long.

Signed, A Fan

**ANSWER:** 

Dear Ventor,

Thanks for noticing my absence in these pages ( though there is an existential question about noticing something that isn't there!)

I feel beaten and badgered these days as I watch the (d)evolution of values that I thought were engraved in the minds and hearts of my people get trashed.

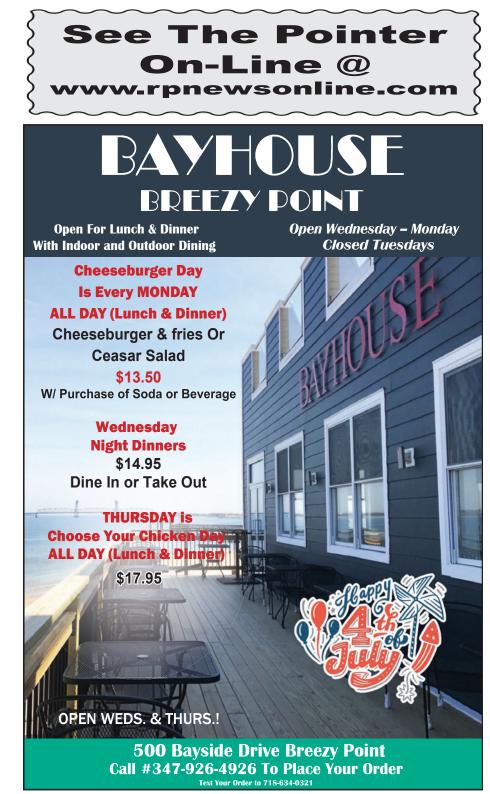
The Bible tells us to love our enemies, but nowhere does it tell us to become what they are. Case in point: Our diluted involvement in the Ukrainian struggle in the war started by Russia is a struggle for more than just territory: Ukraine and its people are fighting for the identity of its people who are facing the real threat of submission and possible erasure. What Stalin tried to do in 1932-33 with the Holodomor (look it up) Putin is trying to do with drones and missiles. Putin does not accept the legitimacy of Ukraine as a nation because if he did it would thwart his attempt to reestablish the empire that was once and isn't any longer. Ukraine needs us. Their President has

begged for our indispensable aid and we've done the most un-American thing possible by denying it. No matter which side of the aisle you sit on no real American should allow our avowed enemy to win its war against a country that is our friend and the protector of the line that is real between propaganda and truth, between Putin's autocracy and the democracy that President Zelenskyy Is trying to defend.

If you've read this far you might understand why I consider myself more loyal to the American values of life, Liberty and the pursuit of happiness (even if is not mine personally) than the powers that be in Washington who are willing to throw my ancestral land under the bus.

Aren't you glad you asked?

I have an opinion that I know is not mine alone and there are those who agree with me and those who don't. But if I were not to voice my stance I think even the stones would cry out begging for truth, Justice and an end to the war in Ukraine that Russia began and we have the moral duty to help Ukraine win. Even if, God forbid, Russia should win this war Ukraine will not lose. They can't and they won't; they'll just go underground again as they did before they became free of the Communist regime that they have so clearly rejected.



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The B**ear Facts** The Cakes put out a solid team that played a very good game, but the Bears put pressure on the

from the first inning and won the contest 7-3. The bats were hot all day with the Grizzlies hitting line drives all over the field, but the Cakes made the plays, which probably stopped the game from being a blow-out. The mangy monsters finally broke through late in the game when the line drives started hitting some grass.

Eddie Greene led the attack with 4 hits and 4 RBI's. Gerry O'D pitched

another gem and had 3 hits (now he wants to bat fourth) as the Bears are off to a nice start.

The Bears outfield and infield defense has been pretty good. Jack Bradley's play once again at third base has been bear-rilliant. Paul Rvan and Eddie Stines, who made an unbelievable play at second base, have been the best D.P. partners the Bears have had in a long time, and Terry Greene in left field has been outstanding.

B.Y. and P. Jamin continue to drive in runs in the middle of the order as the Bears prove that winning is a team effort. Every week there is a new star!

Next week, it's the Pits, at 11 AM. Hugs to All!



The other day I called my Girlfriend to see if she would like to go out to the diner for a snack. The answer was "yes" of course, but said that it would have to be a later on because a "little visitor" just called and was coming by to see her. This "little visitor" could be any one of her four grandchildren. When she called me back said "we will have a little company on our trip to the diner!".

On our way over to Brooklyn this little one (the youngest) was explaining to us that it was okay with her for us tell the people at the diner that She was our kid and this was all done matter-of-factly. We all laughed our way down Flatbush Avenue as She told us about Her Mom saying "it's now time to stay in the house" but when She quietly asked her Dad a little while later "can I go see Nana?" He agreed (caved as they say nowadays) and that's how She was able to get out of the house - pretty smart for a "little one" don't you think? (Her Nana wasn't upset at all saying "It's like She's going on sixteen for crying out loud!")

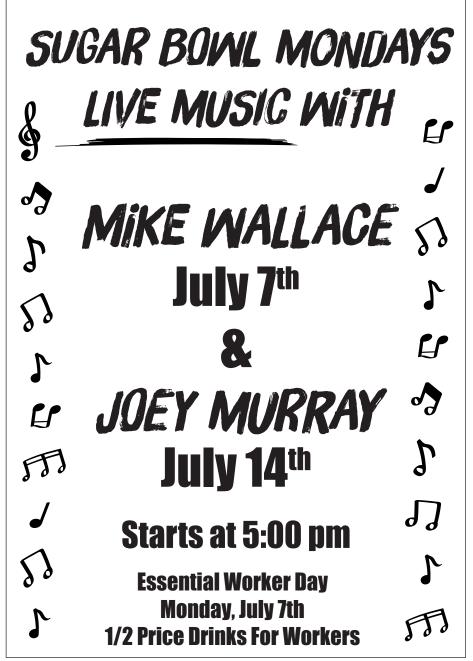
When my Son was little and asked for something -a new video game, a new matchbox car or a fresh pack of pokeman cards if my answer was "no!" He would say quietly "NO means YES!" and that amount of "moxie" from this little guy would make me laugh and I would usually

**See The Pointer On-Line** www.rpnewsonline.com cave to his demands laughing all the way to the stores. On Fridays (that is pay day) when I would get home from work. He would be waiting at the front window for me and His favorite first request, after a hug of course, was "can I get a happy meal?" His Mom would usually nod approval so off we would go. As we were exiting the drive thru the second request would be "can we go to game stop?" my answer was almost always "sure, no problem". As He got older the requests naturally increased in number - perhaps a new basketball, a new baseball glove or new bicycle tires to which I would answer His question with a question of my own "do you know how much it costs to hang out with you?" and we would laugh together which now and always will be one of my many "fondest Memories!"

> Uncle Bill Roxbury

# What's The Story???

As we jump into Summer, and feel good stories happen with more regularity, we look to you our readers for inspiration and filler for the Pointer. So, what's the story? Have a newsworthy item your neighbors might want to know about? A birth? An engagement? A marriage? Did somebody win an award or were honored for their actions? Maybe you might have a picture for the Week That Was or a good one for the Blast From The Past Column. Send it into the Pointer for consideration to be printed by emailing us at editor@rpnewsonline.com.



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We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.--That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, --That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shewn, that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security.--Such has been the patient sufferance of these Colonies; and such is now the necessity which constrains them to alter their former Systems of Government. The history of the present King of Great Britain is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations, all having in direct object the establishment of an absolute Tyranny over these States. To prove this, let Facts be submitted to a candid world.

He has refused his Assent to Laws, the most wholesome and necessary for the public good.

He has forbidden his Governors to pass Laws of immediate and pressing importance, unless suspended in their operation till his Assent should be obtained; and when so suspended, he has utterly neglected to attend to them. He has refused to pass other Laws for the accommodation of large districts of people, unless those people would relinquish the right of Representation in the Legislature, a right inestimable to them

and formidable to tyrants only.

He has called together legislative bodies at places unusual, uncomfortable, and distant from the depository of their public Records, for the sole purpose of fatiguing them into compliance with his measures.

He has dissolved Representative Houses repeatedly, for opposing with manly firmness his invasions on the rights of the people.

He has refused for a long time, after such dissolutions, to cause others to be elected; whereby the Legislative powers, incapable of Annihilation, have returned to the People at large for their exercise; the State remaining in the mean time exposed to all the dangers of invasion from without,

and convulsions within.

He has endeavored to prevent the population of these States; for that purpose obstructing the Laws for Naturalization of Foreigners; refusing to pass others to encourage their migrations hither, and raising the conditions of new Appropriations of Lands.

He has obstructed the Administration of Justice, by refusing his Assent to Laws for establishing Judiciary powers.

He has made Judges dependent on his Will alone, for the tenure of their offices, and the amount and payment of their salaries.

He has erected a multitude of New Offices, and sent hither swarms of Officers to harass our people, and eat out their substance.

He has kept among us, in times of peace, Standing Armies without the Consent of our legislatures.

He has affected to render the Military independent of and superior to the Civil power.

He has combined with others to subject us to a jurisdiction foreign to our constitution, and unacknowledged by our laws; giving his Assent to their Acts of pretended Legislation:

For Quartering large bodies of armed troops among us: For protecting them, by a mock Trial, from punishment for any Murders which they should commit on the Inhabitants of these States: For cutting off our Trade with all parts of the world: For imposing Taxes on us without our Consent: For depriving us in many cases, of the benefits of Trial by Jury:

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For suspending our own Legislatures, and declaring themselves invested with power to legislate for us in all cases whatsoever.

He has abdicated Government here, by declaring us out of his Protection and waging War against us.

He has plundered our seas, ravaged our Coasts, burnt our towns, and destroyed the lives of our people.

He is at this time transporting large Armies of foreign Mercenaries to complete the works of death, desolation and tyranny, already begun with circumstances of Cruelty & perfidy scarcely paralleled in the most barba-

rous ages, and totally unworthy the Head of a civilized nation. He has constrained our fellow Citizens taken Captive on the high Seas to bear Arms against their Country, to become the executioners of their

friends and Brethren, or to fall themselves by their Hands. He has excited domestic insurrections amongst us, and has endeavored to bring on the inhabitants of our frontiers, the merciless Indian Savages, whose known rule of warfare, is an undistinguished destruction of all ages, sexes and conditions.

In every stage of these Oppressions We have Petitioned for Redress in the most humble terms: Our repeated Petitions have been answered only by repeated injury. A Prince whose character is thus marked by every act which

may define a Tyrant, is unfit to be the ruler of a free people. Nor have We been wanting in attentions to our British brethren. We have warned them from time to time of attempts by their legislature to extend an

unwarrantable jurisdiction over us. We have reminded them of the circumstances of our emigration and settlement here. We have appealed to their native justice and magnanimity, and we have conjured them by the ties of our common kindred to disavow these usurpations, which, would inevitably interrupt our connections and correspondence. They too have been deaf to the voice of justice and of consanguinity. We must, therefore, acquiesce in the necessity, which denounces our Separation, and hold them,

as we hold the rest of mankind, Enemies in War, in Peace Friends. We, therefore, the Representatives of the United States of America, in General Congress, Assembled, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our intentions, do, in the Name, and by Authority of the good People of these Colonies, solemnly publish and declare, That these United Colonies are, and of Right ought to be Free and Independent States; that they are Absolved from all Allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political connection between them and the State of Great Britain, is and ought to be totally dissolved; and that as Free and Independent States, they have full Power to levy War, conclude Peace, contract Alliances, establish Commerce, and to do all other Acts and Things which Independent States may of right do. And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes

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In addition to King, other "incumbent" locals who will remain on county committee after Tuesday's election include Richard Keane (Neponsit - ED 4), Ray Vann (Belle Harbor – ED 5), Rich Knott (Rockaway Beach - ED 13) and Powers (ED 26).

Additional results should be announced soon. Rowan Powers-Velasquez, Brendan Glynn, Maureen Walsh, John Glynn, Karen Carr, Mary Whelan and Marty McManus are in races that are tied or too close to call. All of these candidates are Rockaway residents who will represent Rockaway.

Regarding the Mayoral primary, the Rockaway Republican Club is shocked by the continued march to the left of the Democratic Party in New York. Zohran Mamdani is an avowed socialist who will decimate public safety, property values, and economic opportunity.

This makes electing Curtis Sliwa all the more urgent. It is time for all commonsense New Yorkers to stand and fight for our values and our rights.

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# **Locals Throw First Pitch At Cyclones Game**



Judge Ingram and his grandsons on the field after the first pitch.

On Friday, June 27th Brooklyn Wall of Remembrance had their annual Night of Remembrance for those First Responders who were murdered on 9-11 at MCU Park in Coney Island. Our friend and Breezy Point neighbor Judge Ingram with his 3 grandsons (left to right) Luke Ingram, John Sheridan and Sean Andrew Sheridan threw out the First Pitch for the Cyclone's game.

All in all a great night and the Cyclones won 6-3 and a super fireworks display.



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BIBLE VERSE OF THE WEEK Psalm 97:1a — "The Lord reigns, let the earth rejoice"

### ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday, July 8 at 7:00 PM. Season 2 of the exciting, award-winning television series, "The Chosen". Episode 8, "Sermon Prep". Bible Readings: Mathew 5:1–16. All are welcome as we study the life of our Lord together.

Coach Vince Laino was our guest preacher. His sermon title was, "Born Again Power" and his Scripture text was 1 John 4:1-6 - "Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already. Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us: whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error."

Coach Vince said that this is the "John" that Jesus loved. He was the "beloved disciple", the one who had deep fellowship with Jesus. Abraham was known for his faith, Moses for seeing Jesus face-to-face, David was a man after God's own heart and, John was the one whom Jesus loved. John is writing to his congregations in Asia Minor in an attempt to defend them against false teaching. Something that has always been required, from the very beginning of the Church up and through this present day. There will always be false teaching infiltrating the Church. The devil is always at work seeking to deceive and destroy God's people. John differentiates between false spirits with a lower case "s" and the Holy Spirit with a capital "S". The Spirit is God. He is a divine person; the third person of the Trinity. Please listen to these astounding claims by Jesus about His Holy Spirit: John 14:16-17 — "I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will bein you." Jesus has been providing for and protecting His disciples for three years and now He tells them that His Spirit will be another Helper, and will be with them and, as an extension to all who believe and follow Jesus, forever! Jesus defines Him as the "Spirit of Truth." John 15:26 — "But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me." Here John tells us that the "Spirit of truth" comes from the Father and will "bear witness" or



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testify to the truth claims of our Lord. In John 16, Jesus tells His followers that it will be to their advantage that He is leaving and that the Spirit is coming (verse 7) and that the Spirit of truth will guide Jesus' followers into all truth (verse 13), and that by doing so, He will glorify Jesus (verse 14). In John chapter 3 we have Jesus' encounter with Nicodemus and Jesus tells Nicodemus emphatically, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God" (verse 3) and "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God" (verse 5). In verse 6 Jesus explains, "That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit." In conclusion, let's

seek to live spiritually and not give in to the desires of the flesh. Amen.

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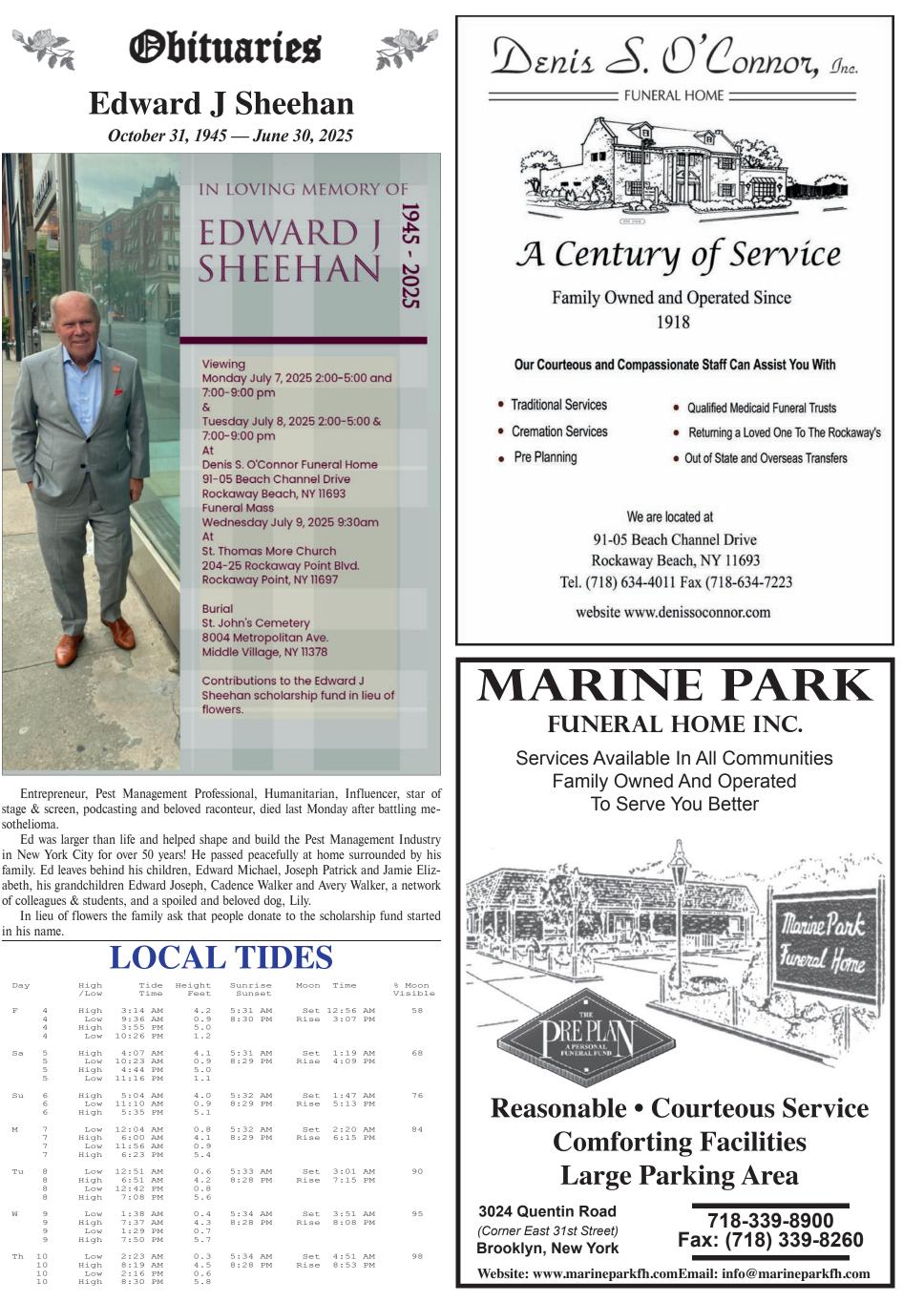
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### COMMUNITY CALENDAR JULY

- 4 Independence Day
- 4 American Legion Reading of the Declaration of Independence 10AM Breezy Ballfield
- 4 Knights of Columbus 5th Annual Patriot Parade 11:30AM Olive Walk & Promenade
- 5 BPC Firework Display on the Bayside
- 6 2nd Annual Huggin' Duggan Volleyball Classic at the Sugar Bowl
- 7 American Legion Post 1847 Meeting at Catholic Club 6:00PM
- 9 Rockaway Point Association Ocean Races 4:00 PM on Ocean Avenue oceanfront
- 10-13 Annual Hope For Warriors Weekend
- 11 BPC & Rockaway Warrior Weekend Family Day at the ballfield with Gary Sinse and the Lt. Dan Band
- 14 Rockaway Point Association Meeting 7:30 PM RP/BP Catholic Club
- 14 Point Breeze Association Meeting 7:00PM at Point Breeze Clubhouse
- 16 Breezy Point Civil War Club Meeting at Activity Center 7PM topic "The Guns of the Army of the Grand Potomac" Tim Sullivan
- 16 Breezy Point Historical Society Presentation by A.J. Smith Breezy Point "Bars" and Their History Point Breeze Clubhouse 7PM
- 17 Ridgewood Bank Summer Concert featuring Head Over Heels at the Breezy Ball Field 7:30PM
- 17 5th Annual Frances Pope Foundation Beach Ball at the Rockaway Hotel 6PM
- 19 George Timmins Memorial Sugar Bowl Run 10AM
- 19 BPC Radio Bingo at the Colony Theater 8PM
- 19 The Century Club Dinner-Dance at the RP/BP Catholic Club 6 10 PM
- 25 Blessed Trinity CYO Golf Outing at Marine Park and After Golf Party at Msgr. Connelly Hall
- 26 PBFD Summer Dance Featuring the Pour Boys 7PM Point Breeze Clubhouse Parking Lot
- 26 Christ Community Church Sale Various Vendors Selling Their Treasures (NOT A Trash or Treasure Sale) 10AM
- 28 Rockaway Point Association Meeting 7:30 PM RP/BP Catholic Club
- 28 Point Breeze Association Meeting 7:30PM at Point Breeze Clubhouse
- 31 Rockaway Point Association Bay Races 4:00 PM on the bayside at Liberty Lane
- 31 Ridgewood Bank Summer Concert featuring Frank Marra and His Band at the Roxbury Ball Field 7:30PM

### AUGUST

- Breezy Point Cooperative Annual Meeting at Breezy Point Ball Field 7PM
   Ridgewood Bank Summer Concert featuring The Canny Brothers at the Breezy Ball Field 7:30PM
- 7 VFW Meeting at the Roxbury Firehouse 7PM
- 11-15 Breezy Point Cooperative Teen Show at the Colony Theater
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- 15 Surf Camp Reunion And Get The Cure at Beach 219th Street 10AM
- Ridgewood Bank Summer Concert featuring Blackstone at the Roxburyy Ball Field 7:30PM
- 22 BPC Presents JD Leonard Decades of Country 8PM
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