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## “Up Screens and Down Shutters!” Welcome To Summer!



Summers Is Finally Here! Time to hit the beach and make some memories!

“Up Screens and Down Shutters!” Is an old familiar refrain to many longtime Pointers as we were reminded by a recent Historical Society article. Well folks it is finally Summer-time! After a prolonged Spring that seemed to last forever... we are finally at the greatest season of all here in

“the Point”. We will get our first taste of actual beach weather this weekend as Mother Nature has finally flipped the Summer switch, It’s About Time!

The Cooperative is starting to hum with excitement as our lifeguards go on duty 7 days a week this coming Saturday, June 21st at 10am and just

about all of our eating, drinking and entertainment establishments (except for the rebuilding Blarney Castle) will be open full time by the end of the coming week. Night Softball Leagues in Roxbury and Breezy Point are up and running and this coming weekend the always competitive and sometimes

comical over 40 Sunday Walk League Softball will start up. For kids in the Cooperative, the Rockaway Point and Point Breeze Associations will hold registrations for their summer sports program for kids ranging in ages from 4 to 13, swimming lessons and arts and crafts programs this coming Saturday, June 21st at the Point Breeze Clubhouse (see info on page 7). There is one more week to get Breezy Hoops registrations into Tom Smith’s house at 204-21 12th Avenue (see info on page 6) as well as just over a week to get the Teen Show registration forms in (see info on page 17).

Thanks to all the Associations, Cooperative Event Planner Theresa Flanigan and many fine folks down here there will be literally something for everyone regardless of age happening all Summer long. Make sure you check the Pointer weekly to keep up to date, and patronize our advertisers that make this paper possible. We wish everyone a happy healthy and fun filled Summer! As we said a few weeks ago, hold on to your hats folks the next two months are going to fly by real fast! HAPPY SUMMER!

## Blessed Trinity Intra-Parish Game

Last week the Blessed Trinity 3rd Grade boys played the Blessed Trinity 2nd Grade boys team. Both teams participate in the same division for the Kings Bay Little League.

It was a great game, both teams played well, but the 3rd Graders came on top with a 20-12 victory. GO BT!





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EDITORIAL

By Michael Schramm

# Parking Woes

With the nicer weather upon us, and of course all our Summer neighbors returning to the Point, the chorus for revised parking rules has been growing louder and we are starting to get more letters to the editor on the subject. With the population shift of Breezy Point over the past few decades from a predominately summer community to a predominately winter community, I can certainly sympathize with many of our fellow residents who don't have great parking options close to their homes. I have heard many suggestions on the problem of too many cars for not too many spots, including a lottery for spots, resident only lots and requiring folks with driveways on their property to use those spots only.

Some of those suggestions are semi-valid, but I'll tell you which one would absolutely not work is the lottery for spots. As some folks have tried to explain this to me, they'd like to see the Cooperative run a lottery for spots, every house number goes in a hat and numbered spots are picked for each home. Though this may sound nice and equitable, it would not work, let me count the ways... One, imagine if the Cooperative did run a lottery for spots, every available spot in the Cooperative would have to be numbered and painted. Two, now say my lottery luck runs true, and I'm one of the last out of the hopper as usual, my spot may very well be at Beach 222nd Street, or maybe even Reid Avenue. I live by the Breezy ballfield so that would definitely not work. Sure, some folks could get very lucky and get a spot close to their homes, but most likely we would all be up in arms at where our assigned spot would end up. Don't even get me started on Roxbury, where we would most likely have to number spots along State Road, which I'm sure the City or State (or whomever decides they own the throughfare) wouldn't be too happy with us. Say you're in eastern Roxbury by the Park End parking lot, and you get a spot by the Mayors Committee would you be happy with that? Hell no. Three, what are we supposed to do in the Winter, when parking is a bit easier for just about everyone, and your spot is on Beach 222nd Street or on Reid Avenue? Should you be able to take a snow-birding neighbor's vacant spot, should you be towed for not being in your assigned spot? Four, can you imagine the stress put upon Public Safety to tow illegally parked cars? It would be great for the tow companies, but not so much for our hardworking Public Safety crews who would have many folks quite upset with them. A lottery for spots might sound good to some in theory, but it would be a logistical nightmare in practice, end of story, bury that bad idea!

Now what could work out for everyone? Resident only lots, which we do currently have, is a great start. Just one problem, you could make just about every lot a resident only, and guess what?, we still have a problem, too many cars and not enough spots... What about this next possibility which would be very controversial, requiring residents with driveways to use their spots before parking in a lot or along an avenue or street. What would we do? Summons them if they don't use their driveway? One would hope they are neighborly and utilize their driveway, but how do you enforce that?

One sure way to get new spots will be to allow for more sand parking in the Summer. If a sidewalk has to get crossed, so be it. Sign the hell out of the area or block the sidewalks off in their entirety. Maybe we should start to look at the expansive area behind Father Hession Hall in Roxbury (1 sidewalk gets crossed) or maybe a 400' by 300' foot area on the ocean between the tertiary dune and the main dune from Olive Walk to Jamaica Walk (again 1 sidewalk gets crossed) and build old style Breezy cinder or gravel lots in those areas. Just a suggestion, please don't kill the messenger...

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## Congratulations On Your Retirement!

Following the senior sendoff on Thursday, June 5th, Fontbonne Academy Hall celebrated the retirement of Ms. Connolly and Ms. Nicoll, two long standing faculty members with a farewell video of photos from every year they taught at Fontbonne. With heart felt speeches of gratitude, Ms. Bruzzese and Ms. Duggan presented them with plaques.

Ms. Connolly has been an educator at Fontbonne for 27 years, teaching and serving as chair of the Social Studies Department. She has been moderator of the Magnify, Lifestream and Friends for Life clubs as well as moderator of SAC. She has also spearheaded the Thanksgiving Basket Drive for many years. Ms. Connolly had the following to say upon her retirement *"I'm looking forward to spending time with my family and volunteering at my parish, but also discerning what my purpose is in this season of my life."*

Ms. Nicoll has been an educator at Fontbonne for a remarkable 43 years in the Physical Education Department. She has been the moderator of the Respect and SADD Club and cheered the loudest during sporting events. Ms. Nicoll said *"I look forward to spending time with my family and traveling with my husband and not getting up at 5 in the morning."*



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## WHISPERING BREEZES

### "Heard around town that..."

Finally! Mother Nature is flipping the season switch! After what has seemed like a 65-day long April, and with the Summer finally here today (Friday, June 20th) we are getting our first nice stretch of warm weather! Enjoy the sun folks and get out to the beach!

Just a reminder to everyone a huge primary day is coming up this Tuesday, June 24th. Early Voting can still be done at the Jade Events Space, 431 Beach 129th Street until this Sunday. In addition to the Democratic Mayoral primary there are a few other contested primaries in the Republican party as well. On Primary Day Tuesday, June 24th our regular polling place at Monsignor Connelly Hall will be open from 6am to 9pm, please make sure you have your voice heard, go and vote!

Am excited to see the new Rockaway Pickleball facility which a few of our neighbors have constructed on Beach 97th Street in Rockaway. Rockaway Pickleball will be having its grand opening next Saturday, June 28th. Understand there will be many pickleball courts, golf simulators, a lounge area and lots of fun in this new business, as they will also be starting up competitive league play as well. Good Luck and hit 'em straight wishes go out to the owners and all the players!

Speaking of Good Luck, we want to wish all the entertainers in the 37th Annual Breezy's Got Talent Show a hearty 'Break A Leg' as they took stage while this paper was being printed on the printing press. If you haven't gotten your tickets to the show there may still be time to get last second tickets to tonight's show (Friday, June 20th). Contact Theresa Flanigan either by email at [tflanigan@breezypointcoop.org](mailto:tflanigan@breezypointcoop.org) or by phone at 718-945-2300 X8673 to inquire about tickets.

This Sunday will be a bittersweet day here at the Point as we will be saying farewell for now to our current Blessed Trinity Parish Parochial Vicar Father Michael Falce. Father Falce will be saying his last Mass this Sunday at 11:45 in St. Thomas More and then help lead the annual Corpus Christi Procession. Following the Corpus Christi Procession everyone will come back to Monsignor Connelly Hall for a joyous farewell celebration. We wish Father Falce well as he will be moving on to his promotion as Pastor of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Parish in Ridgewood, Queens. Good Luck to you Father! Please know you will always be welcome here in Breezy Point!

Understand there may be a few select spots left to golf in the Annual Rockaway Point Volunteer Fire & Ambulance Corps Golf Outing next Friday, June 27th at Marine Park Golf Course. The cost to golf that day is \$175 per person and can be arranged by calling Mary Brolly at 516-662-7023 or Terrence Flynn at 917-767-0601. If you can't make the golf outing and still want to support the Vellie Fundraiser you can attend the after-golf party back at the firehouse beginning around 1pm with dinner being served at 3pm. Tickets to the after-golf party are \$50 per person and includes beer, wine, soda and live music. In addition, there will be raffles as well for

great prizes. Folks please help support our busiest vollies on the beach and aid in their great lifesaving work! See You There!

Understand there are still tickets available for the Breezy Point American Legion Post 1847 Annual Veterans Memorial Mass and Community Awards Breakfast on Sunday, June 29th following the 8am Mass at St. Thomas More at the Catholic Club. The Guest Speaker this year will be Colonel Eileen Watson R.N. Retired, being honored by the Legion this year will be Greg Markle, Supervisor of the Cooperative Lifeguards, Tim "Tusky" Butler of the Catholic Club and the Sugar Bowl,

and myself Mike Schramm the Editor of the Rockaway Point News. Tickets to the breakfast are \$30 per person and tables of ten are \$300, tickets can be reserved by contacting Tom Long at (718) 704-4197, Bruce Robertson at (917) 282-8208 or John Hudson (718) 318-1450.

Please save the date of Sunday, July 6th for the 2nd Annual "Huggin' Duggan Sugar Bowl Volleyball Classic" which 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, she 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. Net Sponsorships for

the tournament are currently being sought, just search Facebook with the words "Huggin' Duggan" to follow the link to sponsor a net. Look for more on the Huggin' Duggan fundraiser in next week's Pointer.

Unfortunately, we have to send our condolences this week to two great Breezy families the Tully's and the Bambury's. The Tully's lost their sister Mary Alice back on Mother's Day and will have a memorial celebration of her life on Friday, June 27th at St. Thomas More at 11am. The Bambury's lost their patriarch FDNY Chief John Bambury this past Tuesday. Chief Bambury was a great guy that raised a fine family of service minded children and grandchildren. Mary Alice and John will be sorely missed by everyone that had the pleasure to know them, we pray they will rest in peace.

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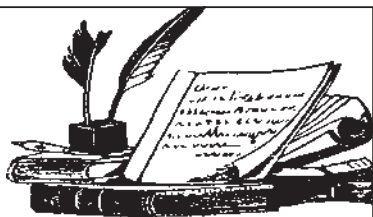
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## Letters To The Editor

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### Please Vote!

Dear Editor,

Thanks to very hard work by the Rockaway Republican Club (RRC), Republicans across the peninsula have the rare opportunity to vote in this month's primaries and select their own representatives in the Queens County GOP. I ask everyone to support the candidates nominated by the RRC.

Most GOP representatives for Rockaway actually live in Howard Beach or Broad Channel. The few locals we've had tend to be political employees or their relatives. Rockaway has had no independent grassroots, no voice in the Queens GOP. Thanks to RRC, that is changing.

With the guidance of Tom Sullivan, Rockaway nominated Madeline Conway to represent ED1, which is the area west of Gotham Walk and the ballfields. She is a great choice to represent us. Likewise, in ED2, the RRC

nominated Margaret Campione and me. Margaret is an excellent, active Republican.

Why am I running in Breezy Point rather than Belle Harbor? As a former candidate for Congress, I held myself back so that new people would have a chance. When one of RRC's nominees in Breezy decided not to run this year, I was happy to fill the gap. If you trust Madeline or Margaret and me with your vote, we will always answer to you — Republicans in Breezy Point rather than some power from off the peninsula.

Please get out and vote. As a Republican leader, I pledge to work with whomever wins so that we can grow together — but I do hope you choose Madeline and Margaret to represent Breezy Point in the Queens County GOP.

Paul King

### More Parking Frustrations

Dear Editor,

Thank you for helping the Breezy Point residents post their parking frustrations in the "Let-

ters to the Editor" of the Rockaway Point News.

We are asking the Board of Directors to find an equitable and safe solution to

our resident parking concerns. Shareholders need a place to park their car within the proximity of their home. Residents should be given priority spots and a placard (similar to a handicap placard) to park in resident only spaces and lots.

There is no doubt that Rockaway is the best place in the world to live. Let's review and update our current parking situation in Breezy Point.

Please also consider special places for electric vehicles (EV) that have no harmful emissions.

It's time to fix the parking situation in Breezy Point for all shareholders.

Please go to [breezyparking.com](http://breezyparking.com) to sign the petition.

Thank you,

Diane Ludvigsen

### Breezy Hoops 2025



The 28th season of Breezy Hoops will begin on Wednesday, July 2nd with shirt and schedule distribution and end on Friday, August 22nd. Registration and waiver forms can be mailed to or dropped off at 204-01 12th Avenue, preferably before teams are formed at the coaches meeting. The coaches meeting will be held at 7pm on Monday, June 30th, at my house 204-01 12th Avenue. The registration fee is \$45 for girls and for those boys born between 2016 and 2011 and \$55 for boys born between 2010 and 2007. The age groups for this year will be determined based on the number and age of players that register.

All games will be played at the Breezy Point basketball courts on Monday thru Friday nights at 7:00pm, 8:00pm and 9:00pm. Last year we expanded our clinic for boys and girls and it was a success and this year the clinic if there is enough interest and volunteers to coach will be for boys and girls born in 2017, 2018 and 2019 and the cost will be \$10. If you are interested in coaching or have any questions regarding the league, please call Tom Smith 917-868-0397 or email [tsmith8209@aol.com](mailto:tsmith8209@aol.com)

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The Americans entered with a critical advantage: intelligence. U.S. cryptanalysts had broken Japan's naval code and intercepted messages about a major strike targeting a location called "AF." But what was "AF"? Suspecting it was Midway, American officers set a trap. Midway personnel sent an unencrypted message about a broken water purification system. Days later, Japanese messages reported that "AF" was short on fresh water. That confirmed it. Midway was the target.

The U.S. Navy moved quickly, positioning three aircraft carriers the Enterprise, the Hornet and the Yorktown, just northeast of the atoll, beyond the range of Japanese scouting planes. At dawn on June 4, Japanese bombers hit Midway hard. American anti-aircraft guns roared back. Meanwhile, U.S. bombers based on the island launched wave after wave of counterattacks. They were brave and relentless but ineffective. None scored hits. However, they forced the Japanese to stay on edge, launching defensive fighters and scrambling flight operations. Then came the carrier-launched American torpedo bombers. Slow and vulnerable, most had no fighter escorts. They pressed in anyway. Nearly all were shot down. But their attack wasn't in vain. The Japanese carriers were in a precarious state — decks cluttered with refueling and rearming planes, bombs and torpedoes lying exposed. Their strike group commander had hesitated earlier, switching between arming planes for bombing land targets and targeting U.S. ships. That indecision caused delays and left their carriers critically exposed.

At that moment, high above the chaos, American dive bombers appeared. The Enterprise and Yorktown launched squadrons that broke through a gap in Japanese air cover. "The terrifying scream of the dive-bombers reached me first," recalled Japanese officer Mitsuo Fuchida, aboard the carrier Akagi. "Followed by the crashing explosion



of a direct hit. Then a second explosion... louder than the first." In just five minutes, three Japanese carriers — Akagi, Kaga & Soryu — were set ablaze. The fourth, Hiryo, launched a desperate counterattack that disabled the Yorktown, but it too was found and sunk by day's end. The cost to Japan was catastrophic: four fleet carriers destroyed, over 300 aircraft lost, and many

of their most experienced pilots and deck crews gone.

America suffered, too — most notably the loss of the USS Yorktown, but the victory was decisive. Japan's offensive momentum was broken. From this point on, the United States would go on the offensive. Midway wasn't just a win. It was the beginning of a new phase of the war — one that Japan would never fully recover from.

## POINT BREEZE & ROCKAWAY POINT ASSOCIATIONS SUMMER PROGRAM REGISTRATION DATES AND DETAILS:

**Sports Program:** Registration will take place June 21st at the Point Breeze Club House, 35 Point Breeze Ave. (next to the PBVFD Fire House) 9:00AM to 12:00PM for children ages from 4-13. Cost per child is \$40.00 (payment due at registration). Program begins on Monday, July 7, and ends on Thursday, August 7.

**Swimming Lessons** - begin on July 7 and end on August 7. Age groups and times to be determined and detailed at the Clubhouse Registration (6/21). All swimming lessons to be held on the Bayside, by Liberty Lane lifeguard stand. Swimming lessons fee is also \$40.00 per child (at registration). Private swimming lessons (kids & adults) can also be obtained (scheduling times and fees TBD).

**Arts & Crafts** - Thursday evenings only, beginning on Thursday, July 3, and end on Thursday, August 7 at the Point Breeze Association Clubhouse. Age groups and times are Kindergarten-2nd grade (6:30PM-7:30PM) and 3rd grade and up (7:30PM-9:00PM). Fees for Arts & Crafts is \$40.00 per child. Registration 6/21 at the Point Breeze Clubhouse.

All programs listed above are open to all shareholders from Roxbury Association, Rockaway Point Association, and the Point Breeze Association memberships.

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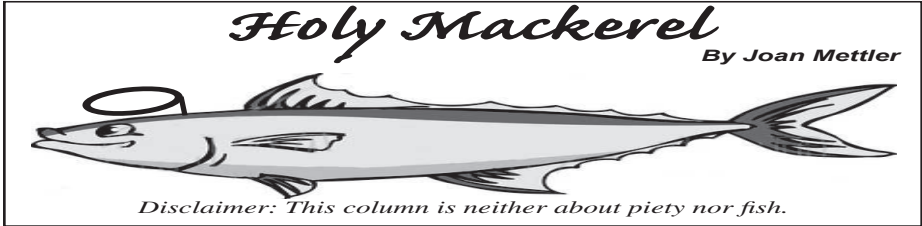
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Mets Lost Weekend

What made last year’s Mets baseball schedule (and comeback) so impressive was the timing of one of the best come from behind charges in team history. Much like the NFL’s NY Giants did in 2011, the Mets amazed and thrilled the fans with each victorious step they took toward the show. When both NY teams needed scores at the eleventh hour, each got what they needed. It was the musical “Damn Yankees” adapted from the novel by Douglas Wallop, “The Year the Yankees Lost the Pennant” in which an aging Washington Senators’ ball player makes a deal with the devil to make him (Joe Hardy) the comeback hero for his team. Is Pete this year’s Joe Hardy?

If Pete was on fire for the first two months, his fire was doused beginning prior to the Tampa series. Once again, he’s looking like Old Pete, 2024 Pete. It’s not just that he’s striking out a lot more (which he is), it’s his pitch selection (low and outside or high over the plate) that fans saw repeatedly last year. It’s not like we expect a home run a day from Pete; but, it’s that pitch selection that is worrisome. Last year, a sucker for a high pitch out of the strike zone or one low and outside, Pete was tough to watch which led to his worst season and delayed contract. This year, his selectivity had been off the charts: fantastic, inexplicable. Get this straight: fans needn’t hold a pity party for Alonzo in that his salary is around 80 times more than the average fan’s with a \$20 million base salary and a \$10 million signing bonus. Scheduled to earn \$24 million next season, Alonzo can opt out of his salary at the end of this year’s campaign. For fans with short memories after last year’s atrocious Pete season, although he tested free agency, he re-signed with his one and only team for what amounted to the \$54 on a 2 year deal with an opt out after the first year. Will he dump the slump?

Lindor has emerged as the team leader after not backing his talk up with his on and off the field comportment. It seems this year his talents and leadership finally showed up simultaneously. Once needing to bleach his hair to get noticed, now he uses his bat for that purpose. If Pete took the team on his back this year much like rookie Vientos did last season, Lindor became its leader and mentor. His maturity at home as the doting father of three, on the field with his talents, pre-game in his conversations with young fans or during the game as he speaks to rookies trying to get them to improve their pitch selection and fielding show the next captain of the club in his full glory. His bat has been an inspiration as well.

So, fresh off of a successful road trip and a sweep of Washington at home, the Mets were confronted with Tampa and were crushed. To add insult to injury Tampa’s sweep included a third game goose egg. Met pitching was pummeled. Hitting was absent. O.K. getting swept is downright disappointing. But, giving it up for a team with a \$57,208,192 collective salary compared with the Mets \$323,933,710, is unforgivable and surely sends a message. Here’s the main message: no player, not a one, is worth a three-quarters of a billion dollars contract. It’s not like owner, Steve Cohen, can’t afford the tab. However, it would appear to best spend Cohen-like money on scouts who could find potential super stars than to pay proven stars with the iffy expectation of spectacular performances. Talk about getting the best out of unproven players, Tampa certainly cornered the market.

Yes. The weather was March/April during the sweep instead of May/June. And, the NY team, as fans have noticed, excels in hot weather. But, does that mean they shut down altogether when the temperature goes below 70? Heat the dugout. Give the team tons of pocket warmers. They mustn’t let the weather be their downfall.

Still sporting the best record in MLB and the best in their division, aside from a few missteps, Mendoza’s team has been electric. Getting great starting pitching, fantastic support from the bottom of the batting order,

monster performances by Alonzo, Lindor and sometimes Soto, the team never seemed out of a game on their recent West Coast trip. But, in a ‘what have you done for me lately’ sport, their lack of success of late has been concerning. Their fans are still coming to the stadium in droves seemingly uninhibited photographed dancing at their seats (to “My Girl”) or going wild with a masterfully pitched complete game by Peterson. However, with Senga on the IR, Manaea not near ready to return to the mound and our 3,4 and 5 starters being decimated by Tampa, how will we survive?

From now until the end of June, our Mets will be facing Atlanta away (17-19), and at home (23-27), a three game series at Philly (20-22) and another three gamer at Pittsburgh (27-29). Was the encounter with Tampa Bay an anomaly; or, was it a harbinger of negative things to come? Offensive support from Nimmo and McNeil with a side order of Baty and Marte is welcome. But, we need the heavy hitters to break out and show their batting consistency to give our pitchers the cushion they need to perform and pitch strikes. One look at the team’s box scores of late tell one half of the story. What they fail to show is the number of batters left on base with less than two out. They fail to show how our pitchers are walking batters at an alarming rate. And, they fail to show fielding errors due to memory lapses and/or lack of concentration.

Snap out of it, guys! LGM

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# Rockaway Point Association

## Rockaway Point Association News

The next RPA meeting is Monday evening June 23rd at the Catholic Club. Cooperative General Manager Denise Neibel and Technology Director Bill Trotter will begin at 6:30 for those wanting help with Condo Control. Regular business will commence at 7:30 with GM Neibel available for general Q-and-A. Much is planned for this summer so stop

by to be informed and see your neighbors.

The RPA Welcome to Summer Party at the Catholic Club on June 13th was a great success thanks to Jean Hammel with RPA Directors and Officers helping as waitstaff, and drew over 150 Seniors with many dancing up a storm. Hope to see you at the meeting on 6/23!

Rocky



Our Aunts and Uncles would come down to the Bungalow with all the Cousins in tow every Summer. They came from Brooklyn, Long Island and beyond. We all would go to the Ocean — no matter the tide — and swim, body surf, make sand castles and play running bases at the water's edge. Basically, a true to form "day at the Point". On the trek back from the Ocean some of the cousins

would want to take the "long way" back to 12th Avenue via the ball field, Kennedys, Bayside and then Liberty Lane. Countless bouts with sticker weeds, bubble gum and the dreaded metal bottlecap — sharp side up — sometimes would require a borrowed wagon to get the "city kids" back to the Bungalow for some special medical attention with the kitchen table acting as the ER. Epic wiffle ball

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games, and one of my favorites — flashlight tag would round out the evening after we all had our fill of hamburgers and hotdogs!

Now, me being more long in the tooth than short, enjoy seeing so many of the true traditions of a "day at the Point" continuing to happen all around me here in Roxbury. I am sure you will agree that a beach

towel that dried on the clothesline in the sun all afternoon would become the softest blanket to go off to "never-never land" with when the Sandman showed up as always right on time. It's bedtime now here on Memory Lane! Nighty night!

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](mailto:editor@rpnewsonline.com).

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## Councilwoman Ariola Brings Fireworks to Beach 116th for Beach Reopening



Councilwoman Joann Ariola is bringing a fireworks show to Beach 116th Street on June 21st, kicking off the long awaited grand re-opening of the Beach 116th Street beach with a celebration of the block and all it has to offer.

The fireworks are scheduled to begin shortly after sundown, but families, residents, and visitors are encouraged to come early, enjoy the local shops and restaurants, and join in what's expected to be a fun-filled evening on the boardwalk.

"The reopening of the beach here is something that the community has waited a long time for," said Councilwoman Ariola. "We wanted to mark the moment in a big way, and what better way to say welcome back than fireworks over the ocean? This is going to be a great summer for Rockaway, and we are getting it started off with a bang!"

"These fireworks will let everyone know that the beach is finally open, and the businesses on Beach 116th Street are ready to welcome visitors and locals alike for a great summer," said Matt Mazzone, owner of Beach 116th Street's ACE Mazzone Hardware and a member of the Beach 116th Street Merchants Association. "After years without beach access here, this is exactly the spark we needed to start the season right. Huge thanks to CM Ariola for making this happen!"

"Beach 116th Street has been a major center of commerce and community in Rockaway since the 1800s," said Harold Paez, President of the Rockaway Civic Association. "We are very grateful for Councilwoman Ariola's leadership in working with our Civic Association and our local Merchants Association

towards the goal of opening up our beaches for visitors and residents this summer. The summer of 2025 will be starting off on a major high note with the fireworks show planned for this Grand Opening!"

In addition to the fireworks, the celebration will also have live music from the Roadkill Country Outlaws. The band starts at 7 PM on the Beach 116th Street Boardwalk, and the fireworks are set to launch at 9 PM.

## Caffrey Conroy Learning Center News

Caffrey Conroy Learning Center Summer Registration will take place on June 27th and June 28th from 10:00-12:00pm at the learning center. Some classes offered are Reading/Math Grades 1-7, Arts and Crafts ages 3-12, and Defen-

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# Celtics Win First Game in Wolf Pack Tournament



The Rockaway Celtics triumphed in a thrilling match on Wednesday night at St. Edmund's High School gym against the Brooklyn Kings. The game was a back-and-forth battle, with both teams exchanging leads throughout the contest. Luke Walsh emerged as a standout player, showcasing his hustle and tough defense while scoring 14 points. Sean McDonagh ran the team on both offense and defense. A crucial moment came when Travis Mitterway sank a three-pointer with just 37 seconds remaining. The Celtics' defense was impenetrable, preventing the Brooklyn Kings from attempting any shots in the final moments. The

Celtics own Logan Wassenburg faced a tough challenge against the Kings' big players but fought hard throughout the game. Meanwhile, Big Mike was a dominant force on the boards, securing numerous rebounds that translated into scoring opportunities for the Celtics. On Sunday night, the Celtics won against the Court Kings in the Island Garden League. Peter McElhinney dropped 17 points. Ty Duffy and Travis Mitterway added 16 each. Sean McDonagh had 10 assists and added 13 points. Michael McCann's hustle and rebounding help secure the win for the Celtics.



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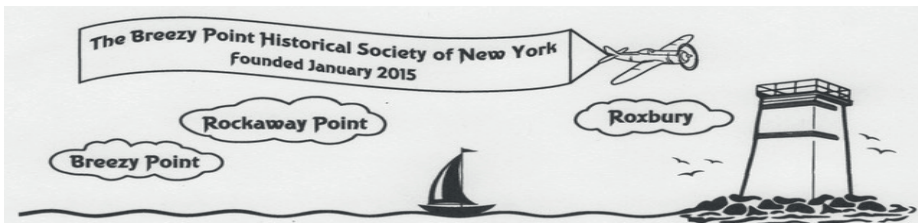


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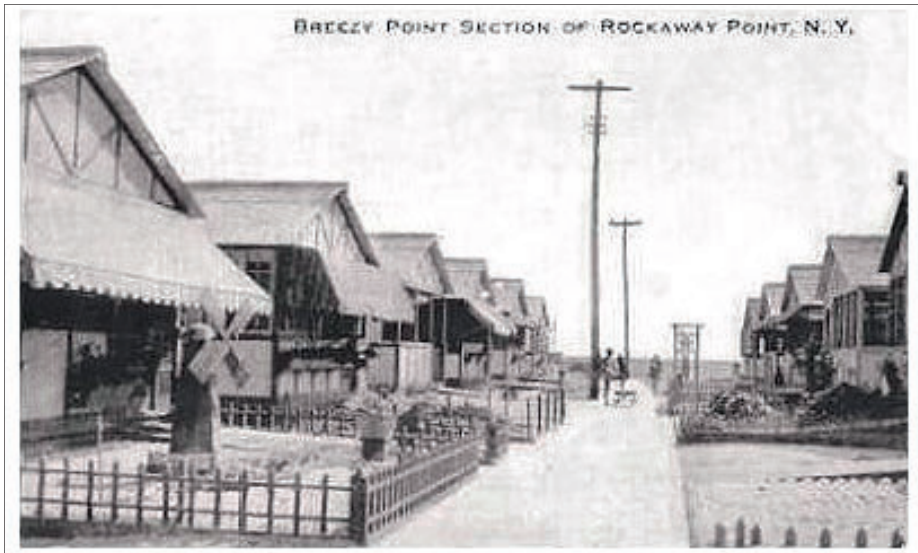


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## Remember Then



Larry Chance and the Earls were well known as one of the most popular doo-wop groups of the 1960's. They had a number one hit with their song "Remember Then", which probably can be called a one hit wonder.

Do you remember then... perhaps back in the 1950's or the 60's when life was simpler and lazy summer days were spent in Rockaway Point, Roxbury and Breezy Point at our summertime bungalows. As a youngster I grew up in Rockaway Point on

the north side and hardly ever crossed the road. We swam in the bay (mostly at high tide), fished on the docks, dove for coins when the ferry came in, took a walk to the Breezy Point pier to ride the ferry for free to Rockaway Point and hung out at Henny's. On rainy days there was always the Colony Theater for a matinee movie. Occasionally the family would walk, with our wagon, to the ocean, being sure we stayed within the roped swimming areas. On the way home



it was a treat to stop at Kotter's for candy or an orangeade.

If you grew up in Breezy Point your hangout was the Breezy Drugstore and the "launchpad" behind it. Breezy and Rockaway Pointers never went down the road to Roxbury who

had their own hangout at the Tap-house candy store on the bay.

Mom and dad, but most likely dad, had a choice of watering holes to visit after a hard days work in the hot city... the Barn, the Park End Tavern, Ignatz, the Sugar Bowl, Kennedy's, the Blarney Castle, the Colony Inn, and of course the Mayors or Bozo's.

The Breezy Point Historical Society will be holding its annual meeting on June 25th starting at 7pm in the Point Breeze Clubhouse. As has become a custom a "Now and Then" presentation by Artie Lighthall will be the highlight of the evening. A collection of photos from the BPHS archives from the 50's and 60's and even further back then will be displayed. A couple of samples accompany this article. The meeting is open to all and the trustees would love to see you there.

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## Deacon Tom Murphy

Did I get your attention? This weekend is a "Biggie". Our Savior Jesus will be processed through streets all over the world. It is feast of "The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ." When I was an altar boy, it was called 'Corpus Christi.'

When did this special feast day and tradition start? Believe it or not, it goes all the way back more than 700 years ago. In 1263, A German priest was having doubts of the true presence of our Lord in the Holy Eucharist. He traveled to Rome to pray before the tombs of St. Peter and St. Paul in the hopes of strengthening his faith. On his



Father Gelfant and Deacon Murphy starting the Corpus Christi procession from St. Thomas More back in 2023.

journey home, he stopped in the town of Bolsena to say Mass. When he came to the consecration (where Jesus becomes truly present), he began to break the host.

Trivia Time: Why does the priest break the host? This is done because our Jesus was broken on the cross for you and me.

When this priest broke our Lord, his prayers would be answered and he was in for the shock of his life! Droplets of blood fell down on the corporal (the square white linen cloth used on the altar during the Catholic Mass). He was so frightened, he was unable to finish the Mass and quickly placed the stained cloth and chalice in the tabernacle.

Ironically, Pope Urban IV happened to be in the nearby city of Orvieto. This miracle was reported to him and the Pontiff immediately summoned the Bishop of Bolsena to have the cloth brought to him. The corporal was brought by the Bishop and a crowd, as soon as possible to the Pope. The Pope was surrounded by many Cardinals, Bishops and Clerics.

On August 11, 1264, Pope Urban IV created a papal bull. This is an official document used to proclaim proclamations and decrees of the Catholic church. (unlike our use of that word today which could mean "a load of baloney.") His bull not only established the Feast of Corpus Christi for all parishes but made mention of a Belgian woman named St. Juliana. She was a mystic and had visions of Our Lord requesting a special feast day for His True Presence. She often saw a full moon with a black band crossing through its center. The band symbolized that something was missing. She heard Jesus urging her to help create a special Feast Day for His True Presence.

I had the unique opportunity to see the miraculous cloth while visiting Italy. It is in the Chapel of the Corporal within the Orvieto Cathedral. There was no Mass taking place and I was so fortunate to approach it. It is incased in a beautiful frame on the wall behind the altar. The blood stains are darkened but very visible. Incredible!

On this day, parishes all over the world will carry Jesus within a Monstrance (the sacred vessel that holds our Lord during Benediction and processions) celebrating His true presence. If you have the time, join the procession around Breezy and walk with our Lord.

May the Heart of Jesus, in the Most Blessed Sacrament, be praised, adored, and loved with grateful affection, at every moment, in all the tabernacles of the world, even to the end of time. Amen!

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# Assemblywoman Pheffer Amato Ensures Protections for NYC EMTs and Paramedics



New York State Assemblywoman Stacey Pheffer Amato made a giant move for NYC EMTs and Paramedics by passing A.7356. The bill, which was in honor of Alison Russo, permanently codifies protocols that require first responders work in pairs, along with extending that rule to supervisors who previously responded to emergencies alone. Alison Russo was a paramedic who, while responding to an emergency, was brutally murdered in 2022.

While speaking on the bill as it passed the State Assembly, Pheffer Amato told the story of Alison's murder and publicly dedicated the bill to her memory while praising the work of NYC's EMTs and paramedics. "They save lives every day, and it's our job to ensure their safety," the Assemblywoman said. The bill passed unanimously and was cited as Local 2507, the NYC union that represents EMTs and paramedics, as their top legislative priority. The

Assemblywoman noted that this bill was necessary to keep heroic workers safe. "While we cannot bring Alison back, this bill honors her and all our first responders. The State is stepping up and doing what's needed to ensure that our EMTs and paramedics have the staffing levels and partnership requirements to provide more effective services when responding to an emergency. I'm so thankful for the help of Local 2507 in getting this over the finish line and look forward to it being signed into law," said Pheffer Amato.

"The safety of our EMTs and Paramedics cannot be jeopardized, and on behalf of the men and women of Local 2507, we are incredibly grateful to Assemblywoman Pheffer Amato for making sure that the heinous murder of Alison Russo doesn't happen again. By passing this law

and solidifying staffing levels, we are making sure that the men and women who respond to emergencies are kept safe on the job. [Assemblywoman] Pheffer Amato has repeatedly proven to have the backs of our EMTs and Paramedics and has shown what true leadership and a commitment to first responders looks like," said Oren Barzilay, president of Local 2507.

Assemblywoman Pheffer Amato was recently awarded the "Public Policy Champion Award" by Local 2507. She simultaneously presented an official New York State Assembly Proclamation to the union to celebrate its 50 years of incredible service to the people of New York City.

The bill also passed the State Senate and was sponsored in that house by Manhattan State Senator Robert Jackson, S.6698

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Gary Sinise & 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!

### TAYLOR SWIFT COVER BAND

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Obituaries

Mary Alice Tully Elias

Mary Alice Tully Elias passed from this life on May 11, 2025, Mother's Day, at her home in Seattle, Washington with her devoted husband Harold, loving son Colin and beloved brother Bill by her side. She died after a long battle with breast cancer and post-polio syndrome.

In addition to Harold and Colin, she is survived by her Elias family: sisters-in-law Barbara and Ione (John), brothers-in-law Earl (Marilyn) and Joe (Melania) and many beloved nieces and nephews and their children. She is also survived by her Tully family: brothers John, Bill (Maureen), Jimmy (Donna), Gary (Therese) Tommy and sisters Patty Jelen (Roy) and Nancy (Angelo), as well as many beloved nieces and nephews and their children. She is preceded in death by her parents John Francis Tully and Alice Glinane Tully, sisters-in-law Maureen Tully and Kellyanne Tully, father-in-law John Peter Elias, mother-in-law Alice Kosmatka Elias and brother-in-law John Paul Elias,



Mary Alice was born in Brooklyn on June 15, 1948, the second of eight children born to John and Alice. Her life was changed forever at the age of 5 when she contracted the polio virus. Her story of survival is legendary; however, she did not let the virus and the isolation it caused her as a child define her. Instead, she was open to the world and its possibilities. Rather than relying on her family, Mary Alice moved to Seattle on her own more than 50 years ago to build an independent life that impacted many. She worked as a counselor to troubled youth and those with disabilities. She met the love of her life, Harold, at an Alfred Hitchcock film festival in Seattle and they were later blessed with their son, Colin. "Tully", as she was known in Seattle, was loved by a large network of family and friends. Her life was, indeed, an inspiration to many but Mary Alice was much more than that one dimension. Her intelligence, curiosity and sense of humor brought joy to all who knew her. Her way with words was

unparalleled. She was a prolific crafter, lover of books, movie buff, keeper of family trees and an incredibly thoughtful gift giver (she managed to cover nearly every holiday on the calendar for her numerous siblings, nieces and nephews). She will be greatly missed.

Mary Alice was beloved on both coasts, and it is therefore fitting that the celebration of her life span both coasts. There was a west coast celebration of Mary Alice's life in Seattle on May 31, 2025. We will also honor our "MA" as a daughter of Brooklyn and Breezy Point on June 27, 2025 at 11:00am at St. Thomas More R.C. Church in Rockaway Point, NY.



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## Obituaries



### John Henry Bambury

John Henry Bambury passed away peacefully at his home on 12th Ave in Breezy Point this past Tuesday morning. Born January 27, 1942, in Marine Park, Brooklyn, to Thomas and Caroline Bambury, he graduated from Midwood High School in 1960. John enlisted in the U.S. Navy following high school and served as a radioman aboard Navy aircraft patrolling the Atlantic Ocean for Russian submarines. John's passion for riding his bicycle and motorcycle were only exceeded by his love for sailing. Peddling his bike out to Montauk Point, riding his Harley down to Daytona Beach, and sailing his sailboat far and wide (and claiming victory at many a sailboat race). (Parsimonious to his last moments, he always relished the cost-effective propulsion found in sailboats over speedboats).



He became a New York City Police Officer in 1965, and in 1969 joined the FDNY, where he served for 36 years, reaching the rank of Deputy Chief. (When asked if he went to a fire his first night as a fireman, he'd wryly answer: "I went to Three fires my first night as a fireman"). As a Deputy Chief, he received a commendation from the FDNY for his performance at the March 25, 1990, "Happy Land Social Club" fire in the Bronx where 87 people were killed.

Deputy Chief Bambury is survived by his wife, Margaret, a retired Nurse Practitioner, son John (and his wife Kristen), retired NYPD Inspector, daughter Caroline (and her husband Robert), registered nurse, son Thomas, retired firefighter, daughter Allison (and her husband R.J.), NYC school teacher, and son, Christopher, FDNY Lieutenant, and retired Marine. He is also survived by seven grandchildren: Jack, Colleen, Matthew, Carly, Brook, Matilda, and R.J. Of his three oldest grandchildren, Jack, is an U.S. Naval Academy graduate and a 1st Lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps, Colleen, is a recent honor graduate of the Boston College Nursing Program, and Matthew, is an ROTC (USMC) candidate at Villanova College.

John spoke very fondly of his naval service, where boot camp at Floyd Bennet Field was just down the street from his home in Marine Park. He would remark to his Marine son and nephew: "Now I did some camping as a kid, and I wasn't so fond of sleeping on the ground, so I chose the Navy." He enjoyed riding his bike out to Montauk Point, looking around, and then simply riding back home. With the same stamina, he would ride his motorcycle non-stop down to Daytona Beach for "Bike Week" with the FDNY "Fire Riders" (where he always claimed to send a round of "Shirley Temples" over to the Hell's Angels seated at the end of the biker bar).

His four years in the NYPD were spent largely in the quiet neighborhood of Sheepshead Bay, where his wife, Margaret, would often bring him his lunch. His 36 years with the FDNY were a comparatively more dangerous time. Serving primarily in the boroughs of Brooklyn and the Bronx, John stood on the frontline for what the Fire Department refers to as "The War Years." Initially assigned to E-225 in East New York, John would later remark: "By the time I got to E-225, a lot of the buildings had already burned down." As a newly promoted Lieutenant in Brooklyn, he once arrived to heavy fire burning in the basement of an old church. Knowing the construction features and inherent dangers of church fires, he refused to allow his men to enter the church with the hose line. Initially derided for his lack of aggression, his discretion was quickly validated when the entire church floor suddenly collapsed into the burning basement.

Always friendly, humble, and genuinely interested in the lives and pursuits of his fellow firemen, his proficiency allowed him to climb the ranks, and his personality endeared him to all he served alongside with. His sons never tire of hearing the oft repeated words from old-timers: "Your dad was the best, he was a real gentleman." His advice was simple: "The difference between an ordeal and an adventure is your attitude." "Never say a bad word about anyone in the firehouse." "See the Fire Department as a vocation, not just a job." "Put the wet stuff on the red stuff." And "God Bless civil service; and God Bless compounding interest".

John Bambury will be missed greatly by his family and his countless friends and acquaintances made over a lifetime of service to New York City, thousands of miles on his bicycle and motorcycle, and as a proud resident of Breezy Point, where he built his home and calmly sailed the waters of Jamaica Bay and the oceans beyond.

Visitation will be held at Denis O'Connor Funeral Home in Rockaway Beach on Friday June 20th from 2pm to 8pm. A Mass of Christian Burial will take place at St. Thomas More Church in Breezy Point on Saturday, June 21st at 11am.

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# Increasing Our Happiness

Did you know that there are certain foods that can help increase our happiness? Not only do they help to increase our happiness, they also are linked to greater well-being which help with feelings of engagement, creativity, meaning, and purpose in our lives. There have been thousands of papers and studies that discuss the important topic of what determines our happiness and psychological health, however, there isn't much out there on what the potential influence of different foods that we eat have on us.

Just recently we have heard ad nauseum about the mental issue crisis and the shootings this past week by mentally ill individuals. The rising prevalence of mental health is causing a considerable burden on our country as well as the anguish of losing so many innocent people. It would be interesting to see what type of foods these mentally ill individuals ingest and how their minds may improve if their diets were changed with eating healthy foods.

Thank goodness there have been a few significant studies out there about inexpensive and effective strategies that can help to improve the psychological well-being of our population and how we can use our dietary intake to help influence psychological well-being. So, what are the dietary intake of foods that we need to eat in order to optimize our well-being? The growing body of literature from all over the world support the relationship between happiness and fruit and vegetable intake. In the studies, those eating fruits and vegetables each day have a higher likelihood of being classified as "very happy". This would indeed suggest that there may be a correlation between fruit and vegetable consumption and happiness, maybe even feelings of optimism as well!

There was a really large study done in Great Britain, where they did a dose response relationship between the daily servings of fruits and vegetables with life satisfaction and happiness which means the more fruits and veggies they consumed, the happier they felt. There were people who ate between 7-8 servings of day of fruits and vegetables who reported the highest

happiness and life satisfaction. These associations remained significant regardless of income, illness, exercise, smoking, and body weight. This suggest that the fruit and vegetable consumption wasn't just acting as an indicator for other healthy behaviors.

You're probably wondering how eating plants could produce happiness on their own. Well, many of the fruits and veggies that we consume have high levels of Vitamin C which is a co-factor in the production of dopamine "the feel good/zest for life" neurotransmitter. That in conjunction with the antioxidants that are found in most fruits and vegetables help to reduce inflammation which may lead to higher levels of well-being. The findings in many of these studies have shown that fruit and vegetable intake not only reported higher well-being, people had more intense feelings of curiosity and greater creativity. In the days that followed, they felt greater well-being after eating healthier.

So, what came first, the cart or the horse. Did eating good food lead to a good mood or did the good mood lead to eating good food. In experiments they did, if you put people in a good mood, they tend to eat healthier foods like apples rather than the processed foods like candy bars. People in a positive mood were more likely to choose grapes over M&M's. Those studies have lent support to the growing research that would suggest our positive moods may facilitate our resistance to temptation.

Then they did a study to see if there was any correlation between what we eat today and how we will feel tomorrow. They did find that people who ate more fruits and vegetables felt calmer, happier, and more energetic than usual, and they felt happier the next day as well.

In a nutshell, eating fruits and vegetables may help us promote emotional well-being. How many fruits and vegetables are recommended — it is suggested that we consume anywhere from 7-8 servings/day to notice a meaningful change. Let's take advantage of the plentiful fresh fruits and vegetables during these summer months. Have a great week!

*Yours in health,*  
*Sheila*

## LOCAL TIDES

Day		High /Low	Tide Time	Height Feet	Sunrise Sunset	Moon	Time	% Moon Visible
F	20	High	3:18 AM	4.9	5:25 AM	Rise	1:32 AM	39
	20	Low	9:43 AM	0.2	8:30 PM	Set	3:14 PM	
	20	High	3:57 PM	5.7				
	20	Low	10:40 PM	0.5				
Sa	21	High	4:21 AM	4.8	5:25 AM	Rise	1:59 AM	28
	21	Low	10:40 AM	0.0	8:30 PM	Set	4:32 PM	
	21	High	4:57 PM	6.0				
	21	Low	11:40 PM	0.2				
Su	22	High	5:27 AM	4.8	5:25 AM	Rise	2:32 AM	18
	22	Low	11:35 AM	0.0	8:30 PM	Set	5:52 PM	
	22	High	5:57 PM	6.2				
	22	Low						
M	23	Low	12:37 AM	0.0	5:26 AM	Rise	3:12 AM	10
	23	High	6:30 AM	4.9	8:30 PM	Set	7:10 PM	
	23	Low	12:31 PM	-0.1				
	23	High	6:55 PM	6.4				
Tu	24	Low	1:34 AM	-0.2	5:26 AM	Rise	4:04 AM	4
	24	High	7:29 AM	5.0	8:30 PM	Set	8:22 PM	
	24	Low	1:27 PM	-0.1				
	24	High	7:48 PM	6.5				
W	25	Low	2:29 AM	-0.4	5:26 AM	Rise	5:07 AM	0
	25	High	8:23 AM	5.1	8:30 PM	Set	9:21 PM	
	25	Low	2:22 PM	-0.1				
	25	High	8:40 PM	6.5				
Th	26	Low	3:21 AM	-0.4	5:27 AM	Rise	6:19 AM	0
	26	High	9:17 AM	5.1	8:31 PM	Set	10:08 PM	
	26	Low	3:16 PM	-0.1				
	26	High	9:31 PM	6.3				

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JUNE

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BPC Presents Breezy's Got Talent Show at Colony Theater 7:30PM

21

Registration of the RPA/PBA Summer Sports Program, 9:00AM-12:00PM, Point Breeze Clubhouse

21

The Century Club Dinner-Dance at The RP/BP Catholic Club 6 – 10 PM

22

Father Michael Falce Farewell Mass St. Thomas More Church 11:45AM

22

Blessed Trinity Corpus Christi Procession after 11:45am Mass at St. Thomas More

22

George McCabe Benefit For A Friend BBQ at Knights of Columbus Beach 90th Street 4PM

22

AMSEAS Necropsy Volunteer Training, 1PM to 3PM, RISE, 58-03 Rockaway Beach Boulevard

23

Point Breeze Association Meeting, 7:30PM, Point Breeze Clubhouse

23

Rockaway Point Association, pre-meeting Condo Control informational/tutorial RP/PB Catholic Club 6:30 PM

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25

Breezy Point Historical Society Membership Day with Before and After Presentation by Artie Lighthall Point Breeze Clubhouse 7PM

26

PBA Middle School Summer Kick Off Dance 7PM at Clubhouse

27

BPC Presents "Let's Sing Taylor", Taylor Swift Cover Band 7:30PM

27

RPFD Golf Outing at Marine Park Golf Course

29

American Legion Post 1847 Awards Breakfast at Catholic Club

29

BPC & Sunrise Theater Company Present "Bandstand" at the Colony Theater

30

Breezy Hoops Coaches Meeting 7PM

JULY

2

Breezy Hoops Season Begins

3

BPC Presents "American Girl" Tribute Band of Tom Petty at the Colony Theater 8PM

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 ocean-front

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, 7:30PM, 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

5th Annual Frances Pope Foundation Beach Ball at the Rockaway Hotel 6PM

19

George Timmins Memorial Sugar Bowl Run 10AM

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BPC Radio Bingo at the Colony Theater 8PM

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PBFD Summer Dance

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Rockaway Point Association Bay Races — 4:00 PM on the bayside at Liberty Lane

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# Pheffer Amato Gets NYC Corrections and Sanitation 20-Year Retirement Plan



New York State Assemblywoman Stacey Pheffer Amato obtained an incredible accomplishment when the NYS Assembly passed her bill, A.6942, which would implement a 20-year retirement plan for NYC Correction Officers and NYC Sanitation Workers. The change impacts those hired after July 2012 and aligns them with the

pension plan of their co-workers who were hired prior to that date, respectively.

“Our correctional officers work under demanding circumstances where they maintain facilities and supervise some of the worst offenders and criminals; and our amazing sanitation workers are out there every day, rain or shine, keeping our streets and neighborhoods clean and litter-free. These incredible governmental employees exemplify an unwavering commitment to the City. I am proud to continue my work of making sure we recognize them and give them the benefits they deserve,” said Assemblywoman Pheffer Amato.

“On behalf of the men and women who risk their lives maintaining safety and security in NYC jails, COBA would like to thank the Chair of the Assembly Committee on Governmental Employees, Stacey Pheffer Amato, and the rest of the Assemblymembers who voted unanimously to pass a critical piece of legislation that restores the 20 year retirement benefit for our correction officers. We urge the bill to be sent to the Governor’s desk to be signed into law,” said Benny Boscio Jr., President of COBA (Correction Officers’ Benevolent Association).

Dennis Schock, President of NYC Sanitationmen’s Association, IBT Local 831, said, “On behalf of our 7,200 members and 8,000 retirees, thank you Assemblywoman Stacey Pheffer Amato! This legislation recognizes the toil that lifting an average of 14 tons a day in all types of weather takes

on the human body. This is an important step to repair the pension diminishment caused by Tier Six. We look forward to the approval by the Governor.”

Pheffer Amato has proven to be a fighter for pension equity for public employees as she recently secured a 20-year pension plan during the 2025 State Budget for members of the NYPD. The bill is being carried by NYS Senator Robert Jackson, S.6486.

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