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## Walking with the ghosts of Raynham Hall

A unique Halloween event is coming to the hamlet this weekend, courtesy of Raynham Hall Museum. Residents will have an opportunity to walk alongside giant ghostly puppets of ancient Townsend family members — and dance the night away too. Story, Page 4.

# Did politics mix with O.B. town business?

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The Nassau County district attorney's office launched an investigation last December into allegations that the Town of Oyster Bay's deputy supervisor, Greg Carman, sent letters to some town employees seeking political contributions for the Farmingdale Republican Committee, which he serves as executive leader. In September, District Attorney Madeline Singas concluded that Carman may have sought contributions from town employees, and asked for different amounts of money based on their salaries.

month ago. Carman is also still involved with the town ethics board, sitting in on interviews with potential board candidates, which Syosset resident Kevin McKenna said also needed to be a separate investigation.

**Y**ou need to terminate Deputy Supervisor Greg Carman. What he did was shake down employees for their hard-earned money.

**KEVIN MCKENNA**  
 Syosset

"Mr. Supervisor, I request, on behalf of the public, that you demand the ethics board have a meeting and make a statement about this before the election," McKenna said, addressing Town Supervisor Joseph Saladino. "The deputy supervisor should be prevented from having any involvement right now in the ethics board — the ethics board that needs to take a look at what he did. This is just bizarre. It's just unbelievable."

Carman could not be reached for comment.

At Tuesday's Town Board meeting, one resident said he was concerned that no action had been taken against Carman, despite the D.A.'s findings, which were released over a

According to the district attorney's report, from March 2020 through the beginning of October 2020, the town approved raises for 151 employees, 32 of whom were working on the state

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# L.V. school community remains divided on mask mandate lawsuit

BY LAURA LANE  
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The Locust Valley School District's lawsuit against New York state in response to its school mask mandate continued to take center stage at the district's Oct. 19 Board of Education meeting. Board Vice President Margaret Marchand did not wear a mask, and Trustee Lauren Themis

wore one intermittently, defying the state Department of Health's mandate that masks be worn in schools by students, faculty, staff and visitors. Many meeting attendees were mask-less as well, which one parent said was permitted, because the policy was only a mandate, not a law.

During the public session, Amy Pryhocki-Hartnett, of Bayville, said that after submitting a

Freedom of Information Law request, she had learned that the district retained the law firm Hamburger, Maxson, Yaffe, & Martingale in August, to challenge the mandate. The district paid the firm just over \$7,600 for two days' work — half of what the firm was owed, Pryhocki-Hartnett said, because the Massapequa School District, which

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# School board allows mask-less to remain at meeting

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joined the lawsuit, paid the other half.

"That is \$3,807.63 per day that we spent to fight a losing battle against the state," Pryhocki-Hartnett said. "I find myself without the language to adequately express my disgust and outrage that monies that could enrich the educational experiences of our children are being squandered at a rate of almost \$4,000 per day."

The contract between the district and Hamburger, a copy of which was obtained by the Herald, was sent to school board President Brian Nolan and the board on Aug. 30. It stated that LVSD would be billed for work done on the lawsuit at \$325 per hour for firm partners and \$250 per hour for associates. The district was also responsible for "costs and disbursements, which include photocopies, postage, Federal Express, court fees, expert fees." LVSD is receiving a monthly bill from Hamburger.

One of Pryhocki-Hartnett's concerns, she said, was that she could not find a termination-of-contract clause in the docu-

ment. She asked the board whether that meant that the district, even under a different board, would be unable to drop the lawsuit. District attorney Christopher Venator said that because he did not have

the contract on hand, he could not answer Pryhocki-Hartnett's question.

When Nolan told her that her time to speak was up, Pryhocki-Hartnett refused to leave the podium. "I will not relinquish this platform," she said. "[Marchand and Themis] don't wear a mask, which is the law. . . . I won't relinquish to a [time limit] policy by a board who don't follow the law. So you can take out your cameras and watch them drag me out of here. I am not giving up this podium."

Nolan said he wanted to make a motion to go into executive session. But the district clerk, Susan Hammerschmidt, said that Nolan had to state a reason. "I'd like to enter executive session to have a meeting with counsel," Nolan said. When no one made a motion to do so, Nolan asked again for a motion, prompting Trustee George Vasiliou to do so. But no one would second it, which is

required before a vote can be taken. So Nolan seconded the motion himself and then asked who was in favor. When no one raised a hand except Nolan, he redirected his attention to Pryhocki-Hartnett.

"Miss Hartnett, your time is up for public comment," he said again.

"You took an oath that you would follow the law," Pryhocki-Hartnett responded.

"It's now the next person's turn," Nolan said.

When Pryhocki-Hartnett refused, Nolan said she could sign up for the second public comment session at the end of the meeting.

"No, thank you," Pryhocki-Hartnett said.

Nolan moved the meeting forward. He invited student government Co-presidents Caitlin Bianco and Gia Vilella and Vice President Elisabeth Dunne to share their student report. Pryhocki-Hartnett stepped aside until they were finished, and then stood at the microphone again.

Nolan could be heard quietly saying that he needed the "support of the board now" to go into executive session, directing his comment to Marchand. He also suggested adjourning the meeting.

Pryhocki-Hartnett asked once again if the district could dismiss the lawsuit absent such a clause in the contract. When Venator answered yes, she returned to her seat.

Her husband, Michael Hartnett, a teacher in the Jericho School District, said there was much discussion about the lawsuit among educators and administrators outside the LVSD. In Jericho, he said, everyone wears masks, and it has never been an issue.

"What I have heard in education circles around Long Island are questions about just what Locust Valley is thinking by pursuing a lawsuit about the masks mandate," Hartnett said. "As one educator from a neighboring district said to me,

'That's a pretty bad use of educational resources,' and a parent in Jericho asked, 'It can't be great for property values, can it?'"

He asked that the board focus on the "right priorities" and drop the lawsuit.

Another parent, Tara Jewell, asked why parents were told that if children were masked, they would not have to quarantine if a student had been exposed to the coronavirus. She wanted to know why that policy wasn't followed.

"Why was the entire fifth grade at [Locust Valley Intermediate School] placed on remote learning if they were wearing masks in school?" she asked. "Especially when only 13 kids in the whole grade tested positive from an outside-school exposure?"

Jewell also wanted to know why some teachers were threatening children who were not complying with mask wearing with disciplinary action when "all these kids want to do is breath."

The children are being harassed and bullied, Jewell said. "The lawsuit is not just about masks. It's about choice, and bringing the decisions back to the local level."

Theresa Malouf, another parent, said she was fearful of sharing her home address, which is customarily announced before someone speaks during the public session. When she and her husband spoke at previous board meetings they were "booed, laughed at and mocked," Malouf said. She accused the board trustees of violating their code of conduct, which states that they must address issues of harassment.

When another attendee, Katie Henry, of Bayville, spoke, she began by saying she supported parental choice. Then she asked if somehow everyone could be united as a community for the children's sake, something that other parents mentioned, too.

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**MICHAEL HARTNETT**  
Bayville

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**AMY PRYHOCKI-HARTNETT**  
Bayville

## Locust Valley Library November Events



REGISTRATION REQUIRED FOR ALL EVENTS

### Virtual D & D

Saturday, November 6 from 2 - 4 PM  
For ages 10 - 17.

### From Italy with Love (Con Amore):

A Virtual Concert Experience  
Tuesday, November 9 at 6:30 PM  
Presented by Salvatore Chiarelli

### Britton Concert

Sunday, November 14 at 2 PM  
Co-sponsored by the Friends of the Library  
Masks are required.

### Paying for College Without Going Broke: Online

Tuesday, November 16 at 7 PM  
Presented by My College Planning Team of Naperville, IL

### Rockin' Around the Holidays with Nina Et cetera:

Online  
Sunday, November 28 at 2 PM  
Presented by Nina Et cetera

### Ongoing Zoom Programs

#### MONDAYS

Virtual Game Time  
at 9 AM

Yoga with Morgan Rose  
9 AM - 10 sessions for \$40

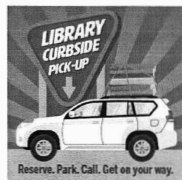
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Yoga with Morgan Rose  
5:30 PM - 10 sessions for \$40

#### SATURDAYS

Dancercise with Carol  
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## LVHS students named National Program Scholars

Five Locust Valley High School students have been named as College Board National Recognition Program Scholars. More than 80,000 students from all 50 states were eligible to join the recognition program, with 32,000 students earning the recognition this year.

To be named a scholar, students must have a grade point average of 90 or above and have scored exceptionally

on the PSAT or scored at least a three on two or more Advanced Placement exams. Eligible students are also those who identify as African American or Black, Hispanic American or Latinx, Indigenous or attend school in a rural or small town.

Seniors Trinity Benstock, Josephine DeBono, Jennys Sierra and juniors Sophia Del Giudice and Nikkita Kissoon received the recognition.

# HERALD NEIGHBORS



Courtesy Jerelyn Hanrahan

**JERELYN HANRAHAN, HAS** a gallery on Spring Street which exhibited a number of local artists for the event, as well as some pieces of her own.



Courtesy Robert Zeller

**ROBERT ZELLER'S, "THE Dowry,"** is part of the exhibition, "Juvenilia," at Project Space Gallery of the Teaching Studios of Art.

## New galleries debut and welcome fall to Oyster Bay

BY ANNEMARIE DURKIN

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The art galleries and studios of Oyster Bay, in addition to Hive Market and Maker's Space, hosted the third Oyster Bay Art Night this year on Oct. 22. The four galleries and studios invited guests inside to enjoy art exhibits, some of which debuted that night. Art Night is as a way to promote the art scene in the hamlet.

Of the galleries that opened their doors for Art Night, two studios, Project Space Gallery and Nola Zirin Studios, were new additions to the event, which doubled the number of art spaces opening for Art Night this year compared to last.

Project Space Gallery and Studio is a new creative studio and art gallery created to showcase the work of students and faculty of The Teaching Studios of Art, which is just across the street, as well as exhibitions of emerging and mid-career artists organized by guest curators.

"This new resurgence of diverse artistic interests makes us very optimistic about the future," Robert Zeller, the artist and director of Teaching Studios, said in a statement. "Good aesthetics can reinvigorate a community and events like this will help achieve that."

The hamlet already has beautiful natural and architectural vistas, he added. And adding a vibrant art scene will benefit everyone.

Currently on display is a rare exhibition of Zeller's early work titled, "Juvenilia," which are literary, musical or artistic works produced by an artist during their



Courtesy Nola Zirin

**NOLA ZIRIN SAID** her recent paintings navigate the use of geometric form in the construction of imaginary environments.

youth.

Additionally, as part of the Art Walk, Zeller exhibited some of his early work for one night only: a rare selection of paintings from his "Virgin of The Mall" series from the years 2003 to 2006, which aided him in winning a Pollock Kranser Foundation Grant in 2007.

The other Art Night newbie, Nola Zirin Studios, is the newest addition to the growing cluster of art spaces in the Audrey Avenue corridor of Oyster Bay. An accomplished American artist, gallery namesake, Nola Zirin's gallery features a number of artists' work, including her own paintings, which she works on singular and multi-paneled surfaces to create using a myriad of media, combining actual and depicted forms to each individual

piece.

"Many people came and it was really well attended, which was quite exciting," Zirin said. "It's very important for people to speak with artists in person, see their work and start a discussion and relationship with the arts."

Then she added, art is neglected in schools, making an event like Art Night even more important.

Bahr Gallery, dedicated to late 1960s psychedelic poster art, invited guests to experience their many vintage Grateful Dead posters, in their fall "Art of the Grateful Dead" exhibition, which opened on Oct. 2. It runs through Jan. 2, 2022.

The centerpiece of the Exhibition is a large first-print Aoxomoxoa poster from 1969 that the band liked so much they had

it converted into the cover of their third album. Many new works from 1966-1969 showcasing the psychedelic poster revolution are also on display. Posters by each of San Francisco's "Big Five" poster artists — Wes Wilson, Stanley Mouse, Victor Moscoso, Rick Griffin and Alton Kelley are featured in the exhibition as well.

"We are in the midst of a true art renaissance and new businesses, from specialty chocolate stores to bookstores to several new restaurants. We are enlivening the retail experience in Oyster Bay," Ted Bahr, owner of the Bahr Gallery, said.

Atelier On Spring Galerie exhibited contemporary art. "The Paintings of Oyster Bay" were on view, and the new exhibition "Other Voices," debuted at Art Night. It is a group exhibition and immersive gallery installation, with paintings that express an inner voice, developed through an intuitive process. "Other Voices" include paintings by Jerelyn Hanrahan, Regina Bartkoff, Rick Prol, Jessica Nisson and Charles Schink.

"Art Night is great," artist and owner of AOS, Jerelyn Hanrahan said. "There are a lot of new residents in Oyster Bay who moved here during the pandemic, so this was a good way for them to meet new people."

Art Night attendees were also invited to Hive Market and Maker's Space, on Audrey Avenue, to browse a variety of hand-crafted one-of-a-kind gifts, crafts and products made by local artisans, which the Market has available daily.

## NEIGHBORS IN THE NEWS



Courtesy OBEN Schools

**MARIA MCKEVITT (CENTER)** from the Oyster Bay-East Norwich School District, was honored with the Outstanding Student Award at Nassau BOCES Barry Tech. She was congratulated by, from left, Dr. William Poll, Judith Hynes, Robert “B.A.” Schoen, Susan Bergtraum, Fran Langsner and Dr. Carla Theodorou from BOCES.

## Maria McKeivitt honored by BOCES

Oyster Bay-East Norwich student Maria McKeivitt, who is studying Police Science and Criminal Justice at Nassau BOCES Barry Tech, was honored recently for her notable achievements. She excelled in her studies and is well prepared to enter the workforce, or to continue her education at career colleges and technical universities. Maria earned the Outstanding Student Award.

Barry Tech is a career and technical

education high school that offers hands-on courses designed to help students develop the skills they need to get a step ahead in their chosen career fields. Classes are taught in a facility simulating real-world work environments that meet current industry standards. After completing their studies, students can attend a two or four-year college, enter the workforce or continue advanced-career studies in a technical-training school.



Elisa Dragotto/Herald

**RAYNHAM'S 2021 HALLOWEEN** parade will be the museum's fifth Halloween parade, an annual event.

## Raynham Hall Museum celebrates Halloween

Giant ghostly puppets of ancient Townsend family members will once again lead costumed paraders and their four-legged friends through the hamlet for Raynham Hall Museum's fifth annual Halloween Ghost Walk on Oct. 30 at 7:30 p.m. The puppets were designed and built by Superior Concept Monsters, Inc., exclusively for Raynham Hall.

Treats will be available courtesy of the Life Enrichment Senior Center, Oyster Bay Main Street Association and Oyster Bay Historical Society. The parade kicks off from Christ Church Rectory at 61 East Main Street, then heads north on White Street, south on South Street, west on Hamilton Avenue, south on Audrey Avenue and through a walkway to Raynham Hall Museum.

Ghostly entertainment in the form of two colonial-dressed stilt walkers will parade with revelers to a dance party in the parking lot adjacent to Raynham Hall Museum. The party will include music by volunteer DJ John Hubbard, with special entertainment featuring animated historical figures from the revolutionary era, as created by 1776AR. Food will be available for sale from the Cooper Bluff and Coach Meeting House Food Truck, and beer will be available for purchase from Oyster Bay Brewing Company.

Families and their furry friends are welcome at this free event and participants are asked to bring lanterns and noise makers if they have them. For further information, call Raynham Hall Museum at (516) 922-6808.

## O.B. schools prepares for live musicals

The Oyster Bay-East Norwich Fine and Performing Arts Department is bringing two musicals to a live audience this November.

On Nov. 5 at 7 p.m., the Middle Level Musical Revue will be performed at Oyster Bay High School. This year's musical is a story told from the perspective of popular villains, who will plot their revenge on

heroes who have wronged them. For the middle level musical, tickets will be \$10.

The James H. Vernon School musical will take place from Nov. 12 to 14. Students will put on a performance of Madagascar Jr. and take the audience on a wild ride all over the globe. For this performance, tickets are sold as pairs for \$20 and must be reserved in advance at tchiappardi@obenschools.org.

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# COMMUNITY UPDATE

## Friday, Oct. 29

### Movie at the Library

Gold Coast Public Library Annex, 50 Railroad Ave., Glen Head, 2 to 4 p.m. Watch "Rosemary's Baby" (1968) at the library. Terrifying and darkly comic, "Rosemary's Baby" stars Mia Farrow as a young mother-to-be who grows suspicious that her over-friendly neighbors (Sidney Blackmer and Oscar-winner Ruth Gordon) and self-involved husband (John Cassavetes) are hatching a satanic plot against her and her baby. Roman Polanski's horror masterpiece has never been outdone for sheer psychological terror.

### Special Halloween Storytime

Dress up in costume and join Miss Selina on the Bayville Free Library lawn at 4 p.m. for a special Halloween storytime. Don't forget to take a treat bag before you leave. For ages 4 and up.

## Saturday, Oct. 30

### Halloween parade and festival

The Glencove Downtown Business Improvement District is hosting its annual Halloween festival and parade, beginning at 1:30 p.m. in the Staples parking lot. Following the parade will be a festival including a costume contest, circus performance, a live DJ and more.

### Deep Roots Farmers Market

100 Garvies Point Road, Glen Cove, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The weekly farmers market offers a selection of locally grown vegetables and eggs, fresh baked bread, honey, seafood and more.

## Sunday, Oct. 31

### Life in Pink celebration

Dress in pink and head to 47 Cottage Row, Glen Cove for an event in tribute to cancer survivors entitled, "Celebrate Life in Pink," beginning at 12:45 p.m. Doctors will be on hand to discuss breast cancer awareness, self-exams and other preventative care in addition to conducting health screenings for attendees.



Courtesy Raynham Hall Museum

## Raynham Hall's 5th Annual "Ghost Walk" Parade

Raynham Hall Museum will host its 5th Annual "Ghost Walk," a costumed parade featuring giant ghostly puppets of ancient Townsend family members being led by costumed paraders and their four-legged friends. The event, which takes place on Oct. 30, beginning at 7:30 p.m., will kick off at the Christ Church Rectory at 61 East Main Street in Oyster Bay, then proceed through the hamlet and conclude at Raynham Hall Museum, where, after the parade, a dance party will take place with special entertainment, food available for sale courtesy of Cooper's Bluff and Coach Meeting House Food Truck and beer will be available from the Oyster Bay Brewing Company.

## Monday, Nov. 1

### Minecraft Mania

Beginning at 10 a.m., in this program, participants attempt to plan and build a city on a custom Minecraft island with certain expectations and restrictions. Players must work together to solve common problems civil engineers face! Register online at [locustvalleylibrary.org](http://locustvalleylibrary.org).

## Tuesday, Nov. 2

### Mysteries of the Paranormal

Beginning at 7 p.m. at the Bayville Free Library, join award-winning actress Leslie Goddard, Ph.D., as she brings to life Lizzie Borden, accused of the brutal hatchet murder of her father and step-

mother in 1892. Hear Lizzie's story come alive as she talks about her life growing up in Fall River, Massachusetts, her estrangement from her stepmother and her troubled relationship with her father. Was Lizzie a desperate and unsettled daughter who resorted to murder? Or an innocent woman who could never escape the trauma that destroyed her life? This event is virtual. Register by email at [adultprograms@bayvillefreelibrary.org](mailto:adultprograms@bayvillefreelibrary.org).

### Into the Forest: a Book Discussion with Rebecca Frankel

HMTC is hosting a program at 6 p.m. via Zoom with bestselling author Rebecca Frankel about her newest book, which recounts an amazing tale of perseverance, bravery, and love as it follows the Rabinowitz family as they escape from the Nazis and eventually

settle in the United States. Hear the author discuss how she learned about these true events and more about the book that Publisher's Weekly called a "gut-wrenching yet inspirational story" that leaves readers "on the edge of their seats." Register at: [hmtcli.org](http://hmtcli.org).

## Wednesday, Nov. 3

### Scared in the Park After Dark

A Halloween-themed drive in movie night beginning at 6:30 p.m. will feature the movie "Casper" as the final film in the county's drive-in movie series. Showings are free to attend and will take place at Eisenhower Park's pop-up drive-in theater located at parking lot 6A, with space for up to 185 cars. Food trucks will be onsite so movie goers can also get their fix of sweets and snacks.

### Trunk-or-Treat

At 5 p.m., before "Casper" begins, families will be able to participate in a "Trunk or Treat" event at Eisenhower Park, lot 6A. To participate in "Trunk or Treat," parents are encouraged to decorate the back of their cars for Halloween and provide candy for kids to "trick or treat" from car-to-car. Costumes are encouraged.

## Thursday, Nov. 4

### Returning Home after the Holocaust: Panel Discussion

Beginning at 6 p.m., the Holocaust Memorial and Tolerance Center of Nassau County will host a virtual panel discussion with award-winning authors and translators. These three women who have explored how various individuals found ways, against all odds, to reclaim their heritage, history, and birthright after the Holocaust. They will also discuss how working on these books has transformed their own lives.

## HAVING AN EVENT?

Items on the Community Update pages are listed free of charge. The Herald welcomes listings of upcoming events, community meetings and items of public interest. All submissions should include date, time and location of the event, cost, and a contact name and phone number. Submissions can be emailed to [jnossa@liherald.com](mailto:jnossa@liherald.com)

## 5 things to know about your town

- The Glen Cove Board of Education will meet next on Nov. 3 at 7:30 p.m.
- The Oyster Bay Town Board will meet on Nov. 16, at 10 a.m.
- The Glen Cove City Council will meet on Nov. 9, at 7:30 p.m. in City Hall.
- The North Shore Board of Education will meet next on Nov. 18 at 7:45 p.m.
- The Locust Valley Board of Education will meet on Nov. 16.



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# Newcomer Paolo Pironi runs for legislator

BY ANNEMARIE DURKIN  
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Paolo Pironi, a small business owner hailing from Brookville, is looking to win his first election and become the Nassau County Legislator for District 18. His challenger is Josh Lafazan, who, if elected, would be serving his third term. Pironi is a home builder by trade and manages his family-owned business, Pironi Homes.

We asked him a few questions to help voters make their decision when they go to the polls on Nov. 2.

**Oyster Bay Herald: Nassau County continues to see an exodus of its younger population. What can you do to entice them to stay or move to the county?**

**Paolo Pironi:** As newly-wed and looking to start a family on Long Island, I know how hard it is for young people and senior

citizens to afford to live here. As your representative on the County Legislature, I will ensure the \$120 million property tax cut gets passed and approve the reduction in fees for red light camera tickets. I will demand that we incentivize companies to move to Long Island with real jobs that put young people to work, while also working to create new housing opportunities in our downtowns, with apartments over storefronts, providing affordable units that are close to the Long Island Rail Road.

**Herald: What would you do legislatively that would help the housing crisis?**

**Pironi:** I will vote to stop the next three years of Laura Curran's reassessment tax hikes. I will support the property tax cut and demand that Nassau County's entire budget surplus be returned to homeowners through an additional tax cut. I plan to

implement efficiencies that save money in the long-run, through technology and energy-efficient equipment. To further address the housing crisis, I will demand that the IDA stop giving away tax breaks to self-storage companies and car dealerships. Instead, I will demand that we incentivize companies to move to Long Island with real jobs that put young people to work. Without good paying jobs and lower taxes, the housing crisis will only get worse.

**Herald: What way would you bring more businesses and revenue to the area post-Covid?**

Our economy is getting worse by the day because of inflation and government handouts that allow people to stay home rather than work. The cost of gasoline, utilities, food prices, electronics, housing and more is on the rise with no end in sight.

For Long Island's economy to fully rebound, we need to attract new companies and jobs to the region; we must signal to the world that we are open for business. Never again can the government be allowed to close down small businesses, restaurants, schools and other facilities. Instead, we must lead the nation in terms of economic strength. We have the best schools in the nation, the greatest suburban community and have incredible prox-



**Paolo Pironi (Challenger)**

**Party:** Republican and Tax Revolt

**Age:** 33

**Lives in:** Brookville

**Career:** Small business owner, Long Island Builders Institute Board of Directors, Association for a Better Long Island, associate board member.

**Political Experience:** None

imity to the world's financial markets. As your legislator, I will join the majority county legislators in voting to reduce property taxes.

## OB sanitation collection schedules to resume as scheduled

Town sanitation and SORT Recycling collection schedules will resume on Nov. 2. Residents who typically receive town service will have their

sanitation and recycling collections picked up as normal. Town offices will be closed on Nov. 2, and the GAP program will not meet.

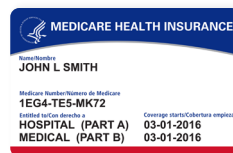


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# Employees were asked to contribute

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Campaign Finance Board. The donations they made to the Farmingdale Republican Committee matched the amounts requested in a letter sent to them by Carman — \$250, \$500 or \$750, depending on their salaries.

“When your boss asks you for political contributions, you don’t have a choice,” State Sen. Todd Kaminsky, who is a candidate for district attorney in Tuesday’s election, said in an Oct. 22 statement. “The fact that these are civil servants being made to have to contribute to the local Republican Party is unacceptable.”

In a statement issued last Dec. 21, the Republican committee confirmed that the letters were authentic and asserted that “all campaign fundraising is done within the letter of the law.”

State campaign finance law prohibits government officials from using their authority or official influence to compel the payment of “political assessments,” but the statute does not define the term, nor does it prohibit voluntary contributions.

Alfred Constants III, chairman of the Oyster Bay Town Ethics Board, said in a Newsday interview on Sept. 24 that the board had not seen the district attorney’s findings, and that if “something comes up, we will review it at our next meeting.”

McKenna said he saw a member of the ethics board at the Hicksville Community Center a couple of weeks ago. “Of course they aren’t going to talk to me about [Carman]; I respect that,” he said. “But what I did get out of the conversation is that ... there is no sense of urgency about

[arranging an] ethics board meeting on the deputy supervisor.”

The ethics board can impose fines of up to \$10,000 for ethics code violations. It meets every three months, and its next meeting is scheduled for Dec. 8, which McKenna said was not soon enough. He asked the Board to meet before Tuesday’s election, in which Saladino, who appointed Carman, is running for re-election.

“The ethics board is a fully autonomous body in the Town of Oyster Bay,” Saladino said at Tuesday’s meeting. “The Town Board, the elected officials of this town do not influence them. They decide their meeting dates ... and they hold them. It would be inappropriate for us to interfere in any way with the ethics board. We await their findings.”

Kaminsky is calling for Carman to be fired, describing his actions as “disgraceful” and “corrupt.”

At a news conference last Dec. 21, State Sen. James Gaughran said that he had introduced a bill in the State Legislature that would prohibit appointed government officials from also serving as political party officials. The bill, S04366, had not progressed past its introduction as of press time.

As things stand now, neither Saladino nor the ethics board has removed Carman from his position.

“I really want to believe that you want openness, transparency and honesty ...,” McKenna said on Tuesday. “I’ve said it a couple times before: You need to terminate Deputy Supervisor Greg Carman. What he did was shake down employees for their hard earned money.”

## Utility bill help available

PSEG Long Island said that relief is available to eligible low-income households, and there is still time to apply for other programs.

The utility is encouraging customers struggling with their bill to take advantage of a limited-time New York state program that provides eligible households with up to \$10,000 to cover outstanding balances.

The program is only available while funding lasts and customers can get started by calling PSEG Long Island at (800) 490-0025 to receive more information about this state-run program, attest to any financial hardships caused by the pandemic and develop individualized payment agreements.

New York state announced the “regular arrears supplement” last month to help low-income households that have fallen behind on their utility bills during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Secured through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 and administered by the New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance, the supplement is available to households who are eligible for the Home Energy Assistance Program and behind on their heating utility bills, but that do not qualify for the utility assistance offered by New York’s Emergency Rental Assistance Program.

Residential and certain small business customers may be entitled to additional protections if the state of emergency caused a change in financial circumstances, including non-termination of electric service for non-payment until Dec. 21, 2021, or a deferred payment agreement with no down payment, late fees or penalties.

To receive these protections, customers must call PSEG Long Island at (800) 490-0025.

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## JOHN HAMBROOK

OYSTER BAY COVE

Chief,  
Oyster Bay  
Fire Department



When Covid hit, it was confusing at first. It was an unprecedented situation for us. In the beginning, everything stopped. People stopped calling 911 because they were afraid to go to the hospital. We were dealing with a lot of fear.

We were dealing with people who were concerned, scared, and some had potential respiratory issues. I did what I was told. I was actually more concerned about my people. Some got Covid right away, but fortunately none of them had to go to the hospital.

What I focused on was getting [personal protective equipment]. We already had it but weren't sure how long we would be needing it or how effective it was. So, we had a PPE drive and got a lot of response from the community. We ended up never running out.

During Covid, we went to fewer fires, I

think, because people were aware of what was going on at home. They weren't rushing out the door in the morning and coming home exhausted. My EMS officers really rose to the occasion during Covid.

That first year was a long year, and it was pretty tough. The Fire Department really worked hard, the department and the officers.

I was watching all of the conferences to figure out what we were supposed to do. And our battalion had conferences regularly, too, so we always knew what we could and couldn't do.

I'm proud of what we did in Oyster Bay. We are a completely volunteer Fire Department — no one is on the payroll. The volunteers drive this community.

### HERALD HOMETOWN HERO



## CAROL WRIGHT

NASSAU COUNTY

Pandemic Response  
Coordinator/Charge Nurse,  
Mount Sinai South Nassau



I am in charge of coordinating the Covid-19 swab team for the employees that are being checked for symptomatic or exposure reasons. I prepare and adjust the schedule as need be, assisting other nurses in swabbing, and coordinating registration for new and incoming patients.

We started in May of last year after Covid first hit us, and we started off with the pre-procedurals. It has escalated from swabbing about 150 patients a day in any kind of weather and then it dipped because Covid was being contained and people were wearing proper PPE.

In 2021, the Covid cases took a turn for the better and so we were doing less swabbing in May and June. In July, cases started to escalate again because of the Delta variant, so we were

swabbing more people again. So, we have been swabbing people whether they have been vaccinated or not. We're back up to seeing up to 70 to 80 patients a day.

It's very disconcerting watching so many people being infected, but as a pandemic unit we feel good about what we're doing because we are controlling the cases that might come into the hospital for people who are having surgery.

We're controlling that environment to protect the doctors, patients, the hospital staff, and their families. Swabbing isn't a pleasant job, but it is a job that's necessary. If you're a nurse, it's something you get used to.

### HERALD HOMETOWN HERO

## KAREN GLEASON

LEVITTOWN

Chief Quality Officer,  
St. John's Episcopal  
Hospital



I always had a passion for patients and their families, and throughout my career I always wanted to help drive improvement for our patients and their families. Throughout the years, as I began my career, I realized that as I know I was providing our patients with great care, I wanted to lead at a higher level and drive improvement across the organization, and that led me to a role in administration. ... While I might not have direct one-on-one impact with our patients, I know that I'm making a difference every day for our patients, the hospital at-large and our community.

My career is everything to me. I always had a passion for people and helping and advocating for others, and I feel that working in this administrative role helps me to strategically align the hospital's mission and

vision with quality and patient safety always at the forefront.

On a personal level, four family members died in April 2020, at the height of it, and it was not an easy thing to go through. Other than that thank God we stayed safe and were able to keep our commitment to the community.

Our run numbers went down as the Nassau County Police Department had the FEMA buses and that relieved the pressure and stress on us. With people being home there were less false alarms and that made it a little easier.

Operationally now, we are somewhat back to normal. Most people are vaccinated in the fire department with the delta variant, which is kind of a scary thing. Bottom line, if we do the right thing everyone will be safe.

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# OB TOWN BOARD



**Tom Hand**  
Incumbent

**Party:** Republican

**Age:** 61

**Hometown:** Massapequa Park

**Career:** Executive at FedEx

**Political experience:** Oyster Bay Town Councilman since 2017

**On the issues:**

Hand believes it is most important to foster a stronger climate for economic growth and job creation; his top priority is to hold the line on property taxes, while ensuring federal grant funds are best used to put people back to work. He is working

with Supervisor Saladino on a plan to allocate over \$24 million in federal funds for a variety of causes, including attracting consumers to downtown businesses and for infrastructure projects that put people to work. Additionally, funds will be used to support not-for-profit organizations that serve those struggling with mental health and substance abuse.

Hand believes it is now critical for the town to help fill these storefronts by fostering a better economic climate and by making infrastructure improvements that attract people to the downtown. He is currently working to provide federal funds to the Chamber of Commerce to make those improvements.

Recently Hand, along with the rest of the town board, submitted a grant application to New York state for downtown revitalization funds that could be used to beautify storefronts.



**Louis Imbroto**  
Incumbent

**Party:** Republican

**Age:** 37

**Hometown:** Bethpage

**Career:** Litigation attorney in private practice

**Political experience:** Town councilman since 2017

**On the issues:**

As chairman of the town's Quality of Life Taskforce, it was particularly important to Imbroto to make sure local business owners survive the impacts of the pandemic. He expedited the decision to allow for outdoor-dining opportu-

nities during the pandemic and urged the state to ease restrictions on local businesses.

Imbroto has worked to help residents re-enter the workforce or find gainful employment through the town's Workforce Career Center.

Imbroto wants to continue the board's efforts in water preservation and the protection of the harbor, as well as continue to sustain and maintain investments in parks, roadways and general infrastructure. He plans to proactively seek grant money for improvements to the hamlet, including areas around the waterfront and the area surrounding the train station.



**Michele Johnson**  
Incumbent

**Party:** Republican

**Age:** 47

**Hometown:** Locust Valley

**Career:** Town councilwoman and attorney

**Political experience:** Town councilwoman since 2013

**On the issues:**

Johnson joined with restaurant owners in the hamlet to urge the state to allow them to reopen and she worked to extend outdoor dining opportunities for those local businesses.

Johnson works with her colleagues to bring greater

awareness to the town's Workforce Career Center, which assists both those seeking employment and employers to find meaningful employment. The center offers hundreds of potential courses free of charge to residents seeking employment opportunities, as well as resume services.

One of the issues most important to Johnson is the preservation of Oyster Bay's water quality and continued enhancement of the harbor. She initiated the construction of the shellfish hatchery at Theodore Roosevelt Memorial Park a few years ago, which initially resulted in the growth of a few hundred thousand baby oysters and clams and have now expanded to the seeding of more than 10 million clams and oysters this year alone. Johnson plans to expand the hatchery to even further efforts of increasing water quality.



**Nicky Kaur**  
Challenger

**Party:** Democrat

**Age:** 52

**Hometown:** Hicksville

**Career:** Corporate executive

**Political experience:** None

**On the issues:**

Kaur believes the town needs to find ways to assist the community and local business for it to be able to run and sustain; the board should be able to assist them with the basics, PPE and whatever else is needed so that they don't need to spend their own capital

on necessities.

The two most important issues to Kaur are corruption and infrastructure. She believes corruption brings in inequality amongst people. To correct this, Kaur envisions a government that is for all people. Kaur thinks improvement in the infrastructure are needed, starting with the town's roads, which are "in a terrible state." She says [the town] lacks parking spaces at the train stations and is not clean. Kaur's belief is that the funds are there but are not utilized in the right way and this is the very reason corruption needs to be removed.



**Reema Rasool**  
Challenger

**Party:** Democrat

**Age:** 42

**Hometown:** Brookville

**Career:** Business Consultant

**Political experience:** None

**On the issues:**

Rasool said the biggest issue facing Oyster Bay is the lack of government transparency, and the town should communicate with residents more through email and the town website, cut down on town mailings and eliminate duplicate mailings being sent to a

single household.

She said she wants the town to create opportunities for more affordable homeownership without repeating the issues that led the federal government to sue the town for discrimination for its homeownership programs.

As an entrepreneur herself, Rasool personally knows the struggles that Covid brought to small business. The last few months Rasool has been the town's Main Street market meeting with local business owners to bring in new ideas to revitalize Main Street and bring in new customers. She also says the board needs to take a real look at the roads and parking downtown to make sure that the town's infrastructure can handle more outside business in a way that is fair to all.



**Lisa Reinhardt**  
Challenger

**Party:** Democrat

**Age:** 51

**Hometown:** Hicksville

**Career:** Executive assistant

**Political experience:** None

**On the issues:**

Coming out of Covid, Reinhardt has noticed the need for more assistance for the small business owners of Oyster Bay. She says she would expand the resources currently offered by the town to include assistance in researching grants and any existing federal, state and regional programs for the

small business owners in the hamlet.

Reinhardt would also seek to create more events for small businesses, considering multiple events year-round. She believes these measures would result in more robust, direct assistance so owners can keep their businesses running without risking their families' basic needs.

Reinhardt says Infrastructure is a basic necessity that has not been prioritized in Oyster Bay and officials need to put residents' money where it's needed — toward paving the town's roads.

She believes the board should also look to attract people to the hamlet, whether for recreation or to shop, eat or open a business. For residents to navigate safely throughout Oyster Bay and to enable visitors to come to visit and vacation, Reinhardt says Oyster Bay needs safe, reliable roads to travel.



# TOWN SUPERVISOR

## Joseph Salidino Incumbent

**Party:** Republican

**Age:** 59

**Hometown:** Massapequa

**Political experience:** Town Supervisor, State Assemblyman

**On the issues:**

Salidino says he would like to continue advocating for the environment and improving the town's finances. His economic development team has attracted new companies and hundreds of new jobs from Amazon, Geico and other large employers to the town. While working to draw in big business and create more jobs, Salidino believes revitalization of the downtown, along



with increasing parking throughout the town and making improvements to traffic flow, is the key to build a strong sense of place and provide an environment more conducive to revitalization and job growth. He says downtown Oyster Bay has the potential to become a must-see destination for tourists, history buffs and many others.

Salidino has a vision for the Oyster Bay Hamlet which celebrates its rich history and has the potential to provide for greater recreational

and accessible public space, which may be provided through the redevelopment of properties presently in use for industrial purposes along Oyster Bay Harbor, including environmental cleanup of the Commander Oil site and removal of the storage tanks.

Salidino is focused on improving water quality in Oyster Bay Harbor; and is proud of his work in the oyster sanctuary, drastically improving the amount of healthy oysters in the bay, thus filtering water at a much higher caliber.

## Amanda Field Challenger

**Party:** Democrat

**Age:** 45

**Hometown:** Massapequa

**Political experience:** President of the Nassau Suffolk Water Commissioners Association, Plainview Commissioner of Water in 2016, 2019, present

**On the issues:**

Field, a former Plainview Water District commissioner, says she would focus on creating a fiscally-sound budget. She believes it is critical that the town has new financial oversight after many years of fiscal mismanagement and misuse of public funding, that the Town of Oyster Bay remains in the



worst fiscal stress of all towns on Long Island for the last three years in a row, according to the New York State Fiscal Monitoring System and still has a bond rating that is just above junk bond status, costing taxpayers millions. Field plans to strengthen the town's bond rating by paying down debt instead of interest to lower taxes and will hire qualified experts. She plans to pay down principal debt to lower taxes and will seek more grant funding for programs for small businesses to use.

Another issue Field would like to address is trust in government. She points to the recent findings of the Nassau County District Attorney, that she says show the activities of the town board have been unethical and [created] a complete lack of trust, the most vital aspect of any government. Field believes that given this behavior, there should be an immediate independent audit and reconstitution of the Town Ethics Board and subsequently a fair and balanced ethics investigation into the conduct of the town board.

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# COUNTY LEGISLATURE DISTRICT 18

## Josh Lafazan Incumbent

**Party:** Independent, Democratic conservative

**Age:** 27

**Professional experience:** Corporate social responsibility adviser

**Political experience:** School board member, legislator

**On the issues:**

For Josh Lafazan, the issue of keeping young people on Long Island is personal. He says for years he has watched as his younger classmates and colleagues have left Nassau County for New York City or the South because of the lack of affordable housing options, effective public transportation and good, available jobs



in the county.

Lafazan said he successfully fought for the building of 500 units of next-generation housing for young renters at the Nassau HUB, with an attractive walkable district and bus-rapid transit to the nearest train station. He met with Long Island Rail Road President Phil Eng and continues to push for a discounted monthly LIRR ticket for young commuters; because of the high cost, many young workers are opting to live in Manhattan and pay for a Metrocard as

opposed to riding the LIRR, he said. With a discounted LIRR ticket for young workers, Lafazan said he believes he could help make it more attractive and affordable for young people to live in Nassau and commute to Manhattan for work.

Lafazan helped secure millions of dollars in grants for small businesses to keep their employees on the job during and after the pandemic, along with helping connect students proficient in social media and online marketing with shop owners, and helped raise funds for those in need. Now, Lafazan says local government officials must continue to shift their focus to Covid-19 recovery.

## Paolo Pironi Challenger

**Party:** Republican

**Age:** Unreported

**Professional experience:** Private sector businessman, home builder, volunteer firefighter

**Political experience:** Associate board member of the Association for a Better Long Island

**On the issues:**

Paolo Pironi said he believes too many Long Island families and older adults are having their dreams destroyed by crushing property taxes and a broken assessment system that has forced people to sell their homes and sacrifice their quality of life. Pironi



said that, if elected, he would work to reform the broken property tax assessment system which increased property taxes for the majority of Nassau County homeowners. He would also work to help homeowners grieve their assessment levels and secure the property-tax exemptions they are entitled to under the law, including those for senior citizens, veterans and volunteer firefighters. He would also work to bring reforms, greater transparency, openness and hon-

esty to the county's assessment process, which he said has been riddled with problems that both frustrate and confuse residents.

Pironi believes in fiscally-conservative budgeting practices that mandate efficiency and limit spending. He also thinks that giving back to local communities is an important role for any business and government entity, and he has dedicated a great deal of his time toward raising charitable funds for the American Cancer Society, diabetes research and the families of those killed in the Sept. 11, 2001, World Trade Center attacks.

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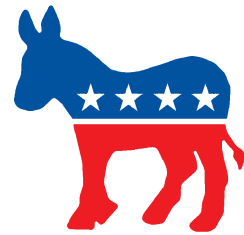


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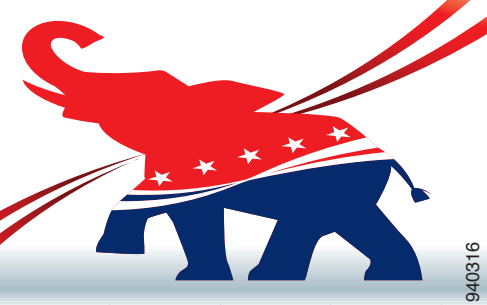
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# Donnelly, Kaminsky slug it out for D.A.

By JIM BERNSTEIN

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The contest for Nassau County district attorney has been the most bitterly fought off all races this election season, with State Sen. Todd Kaminsky, the Democrat, and Anne Donnelly, the Republican, trading a slew of bighting accusations against each other, mostly centering on who is most responsible for setting prisoners free on the street to commit other crimes.

The accusations stem from Donnelly's attempts to paint Kaminsky as the legislator who wrote the state's Bail Reform Law, which gives and prohibits judges' discretion to assign bail in many felony and certain non-felony cases. Kaminsky voted for the bill, but did not write it.

Although the State Legislature amended the law in April 2020 to include a greater number of crimes for which bail could be assigned, the issue continues to dominate the campaign, and the ads continue to run on local TV stations. Donnelly points to her 30 years of working as a prosecutor in the Nassau D.A.'s office, heading different bureaus. Kaminsky notes that he served as a prosecutor in the U.S. attorney's office in Manhattan.

**Herald: Nassau County has a growing immigrant population that often does not trust law enforcement. How would you improve that relationship?**

**Kaminsky:** As district attorney, my office will have information available in every language, as well as community liaisons who do outreach in every part of Nassau County. And let me be clear: I will have a zero tolerance for hate crimes as district attorney. Hate crimes against the immigrant population have risen at troubling rates recently, and the trend must be addressed aggressively. It doesn't matter if you're Jewish, LGBTQ, Asian, Black or Muslim: You deserve to feel safe walking down the streets of your neighborhood. As district attorney, I will take a tough and aggressive approach to hold racists and other hate-mongers accountable in our community by instituting a zero-tolerance policy. I am proud to have the support of law enforcement, including the New York State Troopers and local Police Benevolent Association. They know my record. They know I will fight to protect all Long Islanders. Rebuilding trust doesn't just mean the prosecutor's office has to have a better relationship with communities—it also means trust in government and institutions overall has to improve by prosecuting corruption. Corruption has infested every level of government here in Nassau County. As a federal prosecutor, I worked on the highest-level corruption cases, successfully prosecuting both Democrats and Republicans who violated the public trust. Corruption will have no place to



**Anne Donnelly**

**Party:** Republican

**Age:** 56

**Hometown:** Garden City

**Professional Background:** Worked in the district attorney's office for more than three decades and serves as the deputy chief of the Organize Crime and Rackets Bureau. Spent time as the acting chief in the Public Corruption Bureau, senior trial assistant in the Rackets Bureau and as deputy chief of the Economic Crimes Bureau. She earned her law degree from Fordham University in 1989.

hide when I am district attorney.

**Donnelly:** I am committed to serving all residents of Nassau County in a fair and respectful manner. Part of that commitment consists of helping to ensure that people who have emigrated from other countries into the United States are welcomed into the communities in which they have chosen to settle. Outreach programs that feature governmental liaisons who speak the primary languages of members of our diverse community should be at the top of the priority list. Educational initiatives and literature in various languages are also needed to welcome residents and build trust. I am prepared to play a leadership role in this area.

**Herald: Gangs are growing in Nassau and Suffolk. Aside from prosecuting those apprehended, what else can the district attorney's office do to stem the violence?**

**Kaminsky:** As a federal prosecutor, I successfully took down gang leaders and the gun and drug traffickers who supplied them, cleaning up our streets and keeping dangerous weapons out of criminals' hands. Gang violence is a serious threat to our communities, and



**Todd Kaminsky**

**Party:** Democrat

**Age:** 43

**Hometown:** Long Beach

**Professional Background:** Member of New York State Senate representing the 9th district, based on South Shore since 2016. He previously worked as an assistant district attorney in the Queens County District Attorney's Office before joining the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of New York as an assistant U.S. attorney. Kaminsky was elected to the State Assembly, serving in that body from 2014 to 2016. He earned his law degree from New York University.

combating them will be a top priority of my office. Some of the worst gangs are international in scope and go beyond our state and even our country's borders. This means that having strong partnerships with federal law enforcement agencies is critical. As someone who worked as a federal prosecutor, I will coordinate with our federal partners closely to root out gang violence. Importantly, when it comes to gangs, we also cannot keep treating the symptoms—we must treat the underlying disease. We must establish trust in communities with gang violence and work with local organizations to identify bad actors and offer alternatives to crime. My office will be constantly working with schools and after-school programs to educate young people about the dangers of gangs, and investing in these programs so our young people are learning, partaking in constructive activities and do not choose to walk the path that gangs offer them.

**Donnelly:** Collaborating with schools, as well as municipal governments and non-for-profits, we can provide more opportunities for enrichment and socialization programs as viable alternatives to gangs. Safe activities and

good mentors are important components of attractive and positive choices for young people. I plan to explore the use of asset forfeiture funds to further programs of this type.

**Herald: Our jails are often overcrowded and riddled with Covid-19 cases. What would you recommend to ease these conditions?**

**Kaminsky:** The best way to address overcrowding, deliver swift justice for victims and lower crime is to fully fund our court system. There are federal funds available through the Department of Justice to help—and I will push the state to add more dollars to ensure justice is served. I will also make sure that programs with proven track records to turn around criminal behavior — especially for substance abuse — are funded to keep Nassau safe and to reduce the recidivism that floods our courts with cases.

**Donnelly:** The Nassau County jail is not overcrowded, and I am intimately aware of this fact, having served as the district attorney's liaison to the correctional center until recently. Indeed, the inmate population is at its lowest level in the past 25 years. What's more, the facility did an excellent job in containing and treating Covid. Unfortunately, the "cashless bail" law that was co-authored by my opponent has greatly limited the ability of judges to make incarceration decisions for individuals based upon the pertinent facts in each case.



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# Blakeman, Curran vie for county executive

By JEFFREY BESSEN

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Democratic incumbent Laura Curran is running for her second four-term as county executive. Her Republican opponent is Town of Hempstead Councilman Bruce Blakeman. The Herald asked the candidates three pertinent questions to get their take on the issues.

**Herald: Nassau is one of three counties that pay the highest average property taxes in the state. What is your plan to help reduce the tax burden?**

**Curran:** As the hardworking families of Nassau know, you can't get far without a balanced budget. Before I took office, decades of wasteful corruption and reckless mismanagement plagued our county. I am proud that through dogged fiscal discipline, my administration has turned budget deficits into surpluses. Nassau families deserve to know their hard-earned money is being spent responsibly. That's why I devoted my first term to cleaning up the mess others left behind and bringing real accountability to government:

I delivered four balanced budgets and consecutive budget surpluses; secured Nassau's first bond upgrade in over a decade; held the line on property taxes and proposed a responsible \$70 million tax reduction for 2022, and a \$150 million tax reduction over the next four years.

As Nassau continues the economic recovery from Covid, I am also proud to say that we are in a position to give American Rescue Plan dollars back to the taxpayers. Our books are balanced, so I am giving \$375 direct cash payments to more than 400,000 households. I have worked hard to earn the trust of Nassau taxpayers, and I will continue to pursue tax relief, like my tax cut, without sacrificing our future fiscal stability.

**Blakeman:** Laura Curran's reassessment is crushing families and seniors with higher property taxes. School tax bills are arriving at home this October, and just like last year, property taxes will soar for an overwhelming majority of homeowners because of Curran's reassessment. While your property taxes are going up, Laura Curran's taxes went down [decreased by \$255].

For the majority of homeowners, Curran's tax hikes continue for three more years unless you stop her this Election Day. I believe it's wrong for Laura Curran to increase county property taxes to the highest level ever in Nassau's history while also generating millions in surplus funds.

As county executive, I will end Curran's reassessment and cut taxes. Government should never collect more than it needs to operate. My plan cuts property taxes by over \$128 million – that's \$58 million more than Laura Curran is willing to give back – and I'll pay for that tax



**Bruce Blakeman**

**Age:** 66

**Hometown:** Atlantic Beach

**Professional Background:** Attorney

**Political experience:** Town of Hempstead councilman; Nassau County legislator including serving as presiding officer; Port Authority commissioner

cut by returning Nassau County's entire budget surplus to residents. I will continue to return budget surpluses each year while restricting new spending and reducing debt. It's time to put government on a serious diet, and it's time to really cut taxes.

**Herald: The residential property assessment system still needs an overhaul. What would you do to make it beneficial for homeowners and the county?**

**Curran:** Nassau's assessment system has been a mess for decades. Politician after politician kicked this can down the road, choosing what was politically convenient over what was right. I ran on a promise to finally address our broken assessment system, and I did just that. My administration took on a tough fight and had the political courage to implement a fair and accurate reassessment of the tax roll, which had been frozen for nearly a decade.

The accuracy of my administration's reassessment has been verified by Newsday, by the state and by independent experts. I have ensured residents have the opportunity to adapt to changes in assessment values by implementing my Taxpayer Protection Plan, which phases in any assessment correction over the next five years. I will also always protect residents' right to grieve their property assessment.

In my first term, I tackled the fiscal mismanagement that has plagued Nassau for decades, turning chronic deficits into surpluses. I took on reassessment when my predecessors lacked the political courage to do so. As a result, our assessment system is fairer and more accurate today than it has been in years.



**Laura Curran**

**Age:** 53

**Hometown:** Baldwin

**Professional Background:** Journalist, Herald Community Newspapers, New York Daily News and New York Post

**Political experience:** Baldwin Board of Education and Nassau County legislator 2014 to 2017

**Blakeman:** Laura Curran placed a huge financial burden on the backs of families and seniors, with an overwhelming majority of homeowners facing soaring school taxes in 2021 as a result of her reassessment.

Errors in Curran's assessment roll also resulted in multi-millionaires having their property tax bill erased. Mansions received tax bills for zero dollars in property taxes. While the reassessment was supposed to create equity, it did not. Neighboring homes built by the same developer pay different tax amounts regardless of being exactly the same.

It's clear that we need to scrap Curran's reassessment plan entirely and start fresh. As county executive, I will terminate Laura Curran's reassessment. Her phased-in tax hikes for the next three years will be immediately terminated by my administration. Instead, I will hire qualified professionals to run the Assessment Department and create a new, fair system while also cutting property taxes by over \$120 million.

**Herald: The Covid-19 pandemic remains an overarching problem. What would you do to help ensure that residents are healthy life can to return to "normal?"**

**Curran:** I worked around the clock with communities and health officials during the toughest days of the pandemic to keep residents healthy and informed. I visited small businesses constantly to keep a finger on the pulse of our local economy. I advocated for safe re-openings when it made sense to support our long-term economic health.

We were open and transparent

throughout the pandemic, pursuing an approach centered around education, outreach and accessibility. It is this approach that has earned us the ranking of highest vaccinated county in the state and second highest vaccinated among large counties nationally. Our 93.6 percent adult-vaccination-rate has allowed for a robust recovery – but we're not done.

As we recover, the county is reaching out to small business owners to get \$10,000 in individual grants to those that need them. County mobile vaccination teams are visiting businesses directly and providing vaccinations to staff. Paramedics are taking vaccines to the homebound. We will provide \$100 million in American Rescue Plan funds to some 400,000 households as \$375 direct cash payments, which will help families buy school supplies, cover utility bills and stimulate our local economy as we continue to come back stronger.

**Blakeman:** Covid-19 will be around for years to come, and we can never return to the days of a closed economy. We must adapt by fully reopening government to serve the people and welcome those in need of services. We must continue to offer free testing, vaccines and booster shots to people who want them. Schools must never close again. Big box stores should never be allowed to stay open while small businesses are shuttered. Restaurants should be allowed to keep outdoor dining and continue their indoor operations. As county executive, I'll keep my pledge to do these things while also ensuring we have a transparent reporting process related to Covid cases.



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# COMPTROLLER

## Brian Cronin

**Party:** Democratic

**Age:** 40

**Professional experience:** Corporate attorney, business litigator

**Political career:** Second-time candidate

### On the issues:

Brian Cronin said the Nassau County comptroller's office must lean into the "new normal" and embrace modernization, saying that the office still uses technology from the middle of the 20th century and is thus overdue for an upgrade. In doing so, it would allow the office to adapt more effectively not only to the "new normal" but also to any hurdles to come.



Nassau has become a "hub of diversity," he said. As comptroller, he would "represent the entire county" and strive to have voices from every community heard. Many new businesses in Nassau are minority-owned, he said, and he would work to ensure that county contracts were evenly distributed among business owners.

The comptroller, he said, is the "taxpayers' watchdog responsible for fighting waste and fraud," adding that the office will take on "increasing importance given

the uncertainty of the post-Covid economy."

He would recruit "high-level professionals from the private sector to join our team so that we have the skilled team required to address these unprecedented times," adding, "Taxpayers must have confidence that this team is not politicized. Like most taxpayers, I am sick and tired of divisive politics. This is why I have committed to hiring a moderate Republican as my top deputy. Such bipartisanship has become far too rare in today's politics."

## Elaine Phillips

**Party:** Republican

**Age:** 61

**Professional experience:** Financial adviser, vice president of mortgage finance and institutional sales

**Political career:** Formerly state senator, 7th District, mayor of Village of Flower Hill

### On the issues:

As Nassau County comptroller, Elaine Phillips said she would play a crucial role in "objectively identifying those governmental agencies whose performance is lagging and making recommendations to address deficiencies." An example of a lack of adequate management and adaptation has been seen within the Department of



Consumer Affairs, she said. The county administration, she said, should "follow the Town of Hempstead's successful practice of issuing permits and licenses off campus through the use of mobile trailers. Strict safeguards have been employed to meet the needs of taxpayers."

While in the private sector at Goldman Sachs, she said, she oversaw the diversity efforts, and while she was a New York state senator, she sponsored multiple educational and outreach

forums on diversity. As Nassau comptroller, she said she would work to ensure diversity, equity and inclusion in the workplace, and educate and promote solutions to ensure equal rights for all. At the same time, she would undertake performance audits of all county departments to ascertain whether they are meeting diversity, equity and inclusion metrics.

As comptroller, she said, she would serve as the "taxpayer's watchdog." "Taxes and spending need to be controlled in Nassau County," she said. "I have the background and expertise to implement audits to weed out waste, abuse and fraud, saving taxpayers money. Further, I will audit the recent property tax reassessment to determine the extent to which mistakes [were] made."

# NASSAU COUNTY CLERK

## Maureen O'Connell

Incumbent

**Party:** Republican

**Age:** 70

**Hometown:** East Williston

**Career:** County clerk, former nurse

**Political experience:** Nassau County clerk, 2006-present; New York state assemblywoman, 1998-2005; trustee and deputy mayor, Village of East Williston, 1991-98

### On the issues:

Maureen O'Connell said her goal is to continue to expand on the many steps taken to improve the office since she was first elected in 2005, and to ensure that it operates effectively and efficiently. She and her staff



have worked to process more than a million backlogged records and implemented an electronic filing process that converts paper land records to a digital format to ensure they remain safe for the future, and she said she hoped to continue to serve residents of all ages in the community by helping them to learn about the benefits of the clerk's office.

O'Connell and her staff have also implemented security measures to protect residents from scams and identity theft, and have

worked with military veterans to protect them from data breaches through the years. She said she has also found ways to get the community involved by extending office hours, creating outreach programs and educating constituents on what the clerk's office provides.

## Justin Brown

Challenger

**Party:** Democratic

**Age:** 30

**Hometown:** Baldwin

**Career:** Health-care administrator

**Political experience:** Served on the Uniondale Board of Education for the past three years

### On the issues:

Justin Brown said he has long been passionate about helping people and being an advocate for residents. He intends to make the office more innovative with technology so that residents could receive documents and enjoy greater accessibility without having to visit the office in person and imple-



menting a modern system that his office would have full control over online.

Brown said he would also ensure that the clerk's office could engage with the communities by providing more education and collaborating with key stakeholders in all towns to create a dialogue so that residents can take full advantage of the county clerk's resources and benefits.



# STATE SUPREME COURT JUSTICE

## Danielle Peterson

**Party:** Republican **Age:** 46

**Education:** Peterson earned her bachelor's from the University of Delaware in 1997 and a J.D. from Hofstra University on 2000.

**Legal career:** Peterson began her legal career as an attorney in a private practice in 2001. In 2010, she became the principal law clerk to the Hon. Anthony L. Parga of the Nassau County Supreme Court and was elected justice in 2015.

## Elizabeth Fox McDonough

**Party:** Democratic, Republican and Conservative **Age:** 59

**Education:** Earned bachelor's from St. John's University in 1984 and J.D. St. John's University in 1987.

**Legal career:** From 1987 to 1997, served as an assistant district attorney in Queens. From 1997 to 2001, served as the principal law clerk to Justice Arthur Cooperman in the Criminal Term of the Queens County Supreme Court.

## Joseph Girardi

**Party:** Democratic, Republican and Conservative **Age:** 62

**Education:** Graduated with Highest Honors from SUNY Oneonta in 1981 with a dual major of U.S. history and political science. Graduated from Georgetown Law Center in 1984 and was a Criminal Justice Clinic participant.

**Legal career:** From 1984 to 1988, served as an assistant district attorney in Queens. From 1988 to 2015, he was an attorney in private practice specializing in criminal cases.

## Eileen Daly-Sapraicone

**Party:** Democratic, Republican and Conservative **Age:** 57

**Education:** Bachelor's from St. John's University in 1991; law degree from City University of New York Law School in 1995.

**Legal career:** Daly-Sapraicone began her legal career in 1995 as an assistant district attorney Queens, where she worked for six years. Daly-Sapraicone served as a special counsel in the special commissioner of investigation for the New York City School District.

## Susan B. Heckman

**Party:** Democratic, Republican and Conservative **Age:** 41

**Education:** Earned bachelor's in history and political science from Bucknell University in 2002; received law degree from Villanova University School of Law in 2005.

**Legal career:** From 2007 to 2010, served as a defense attorney for the Legal Aid Society of Suffolk County. Since 2012, Heckman has served as the principal law secretary to Suffolk Supreme Court Justice John B. Collins.

## Timothy S. Driscoll

**Party:** Democratic, Conservative, Republican **Age:** 54

**Education:** Bachelor's Hofstra University, 1988; law degree, Harvard Law School, 1991.

**Legal career:** After graduating from law school, Driscoll began a year-long clerkship with the Hon. Joseph M. McLaughlin of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the second circuit. Upon completion of his clerkship, he entered into private practice. Driscoll left the private sector in 1996 to join the Nassau district attorney's office.

## Vito DeStefano

**Party:** Democratic, Republican, Conservative **Age:** 54

**Education:** Wagner College; Brooklyn Law School.

**Legal career:** Elected to the New York State Supreme Court in 2007 and is presiding in the Commercial Division and over the Tax Certiorari part of the court in Nassau County. He was a Nassau County District Court judge from 2004 through 2007. Was appointed to the New York State's Advisory Committee on Judicial Ethics.

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Artist Dean Adams spent last Saturday afternoon painting some of the cars on display at the Art and Automobiles event in downtown Glen Cove. Story, more photos, Page 3.

### A new school year, more Covid challenges

BY JILL NOSSA  
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### 'She has an eye for it'

Teen creates music video for local songwriter

BY JILL NOSSA  
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With the prevalence of iPhones, editing software and platforms such as YouTube and TikTok, anyone with a digital camera can create and share videos. Having the tools doesn't necessarily mean a person has talent, but for 15-year-old Ava Solange of Glen Cove, an amateur interest in videography led to a paid opportunity.

The high school junior already has a portfolio of completed video projects, including a professional music video. Initially, she said, her interest was in photography. But, she added, "As I started working with my camera more, I realized I could film videos."

Like many teens, Ava taught herself how to use the camera by making TikTok videos, and expanded the scope of her projects. This summer, after hearing a song by singer-songwriter Chris Armata of Oyster Bay, she decided to

bigger: shoot and edit a music video. She created a video for Armata's song "Gratitude" while vacationing in Southern California, enlisting her mother and her aunt as subjects.

"I knew that I'd have some nice shots for scenery, and I thought that would go well with the song," Ava said. "I was just picturing a lot of fun dancing and a good time, because that's what the song is about — appreciating the happy moments."

After four days of filming with her iPhone and a drone, she spent two days editing down about 90 minutes of footage for the three-minute song. "I had to look for the best parts of the videos and see what went well with the song and the rhythm of the song," she explained.

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### Elect Todd Kaminsky Nassau County district attorney

The most hard-fought, nastiest race in Nassau County this election season has been the contest for district attorney, pitting Democratic State Sen. Todd Kaminsky against Republican Anne Donnelly. Both have run scathing television ads, with Donnelly accusing Kaminsky of freeing prisoners under the state's new bail-reform law, and Kaminsky accusing Donnelly of botching a murder trial leading to a mistrial.

### HERALD Endorsement



Todd Kaminsky

But the bad-mouthing began with the Republicans, who see the D.A.'s race as their best chance to capture a powerful seat in county government and were first to air the ads. In our view, Kaminsky is the better candidate.

The State Legislature passed a bail-reform measure in 2019, restricting the use of cash bail and pretrial detention in misdemeanor and nonviolent felony cases. It also gave judges discretion to assign bail in almost all violent felony cases and certain nonviolent cases, such as witness tampering. The law was amended in 2020, and Kaminsky voted for the amended law, which gives judges bail discretion in a greater number of cases.

In her TV ads, Donnelly accused Kaminsky of writing the bail-

reform bill. That was untrue. Kaminsky voted for it, but was not its author.

This issue was central to the campaign for D.A. That's a shame, because there are other issues that demanded the attention of both candidates. Kaminsky, while having to defend himself against the false allegations, did bring up other matters, including the need for stronger gun control legislation and a woman's right to choose in the growing debate over abortion.

Kaminsky has proven himself to be an able state senator, particularly when it comes to the environment, an issue of great importance to his South Shore constituency. He is chairman of the Senate Environmental Conservation Committee, and authored the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act, an aggressive climate-change program that puts New York on the road to carbon neutrality and a green-energy economy. He has been in the forefront of a fight to regulate carcinogenic contaminants in Long Island's water supply, and has passed legislation banning products containing toxic substances. He secured billions of dollars for clean-water systems.

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# Kaminsky excellent choice for Nassau district attorney

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While Kaminsky's environmental record is enviable, the question is, does this make a good prosecutor? We believe his passion for issues demonstrates his hunger to do good work through public office, and his ability to work effectively as an elected leader. Kaminsky has pledged to use the bully pulpit of the D.A.'s office to take on big-picture law-enforcement issues, and he no doubt can.

Donnelly argues that she is the law-enforcement professional. She has been a prosecutor in the county D.A.'s office for 32 years, and served as deputy chief of the Organized Crime and Rackets Bureau. Certainly, such service is admirable.

Kaminsky, who became a state senator in 2016, worked as an assistant district attorney in the Queens D.A.'s office before joining the U.S. attorney's office for the Eastern District of New York. He prosecuted elected officials who used taxpayer dollars to support their lifestyles, including former

State Senate Majority Leader Pedro Espada Jr., State Assemblyman Jimmy Meng and Michael Grimm, a member of Congress.

Kaminsky offered some fresh ideas to improve the D.A.'s office. He promised to crack down on hate crimes at a time when anti-Semitic and racist acts are rising in New York. He also promised to root out corruption in Nassau, whether among Republicans or Democrats, and swore to improve trust in government at a time when that is sorely lacking.

Kaminsky has also vowed to work harder with federal law-enforcement officials to defeat the rise of gang violence in Nassau. But he said he wanted to go deeper, and work with communities and schools dealing with such problems.

Our view is that Kaminsky, given his background in both government and the U.S. attorney's office, is an excellent choice for Nassau district attorney. We give him our wholehearted support, and voters should, too.

## OBITUARIES

### Gregory McMahon

Gregory McMahon, of Old Brookville, died on Oct. 8, 2021. Beloved husband of his late wife Susan. Loving father of Evin Maione (Michael) and Gregory McMahon (Meghan). Cherished grandfather of Hudson, Chloe, Claire, Gregory, Silas and one on the way. Dear brother of Maureen Hussing (David) and his late brother Lawrence McMahon. Visiting held at Whitting Funeral Home in Glen Head, [www.whitting.com](http://www.whitting.com). Funeral Mass held at St. Boniface Martyr Church, Sea Cliff. Interment Holy Rood Cemetery, Westbury.

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### Christina A. Lyon

Christina A. Lyon (née Madaio), 78, of Old Brookville, died on Oct. 6, 2021. Retired commercial artist in the advertising industry for many years. Beloved wife of the late Floyd. Dear sister of Chris. Also survived by loving cousins and niece. Former member of the Greek Orthodox Ladies Philoptochos Society, past president of the Parish Council at Archangel Michael Greek Orthodox Church and member of the Canterbury Choral Society. Arrangements entrusted to Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home of Glen Cove. Funeral service at the Greek Orthodox Church of the Holy Resurrection. Interment Woodlawn Cemetery.

### Camilla Coruzzi

Camilla Coruzzi, 94, of Boulder City, Nevada, formerly Bayville, died on Oct. 7. Wife of the late Sebastian (Sam); mother of Donna Carfora (Edward), Donato, Thomas (Bonnie), Linda Blatchly DeBenedictis (Tom) and Michael; grandmother of Crystal, Thomas, Lisa (Jeremy), Christopher and Steve; great-grandmother to Izaiah; sister of the late Josephine (Dee) Ledesky. Donations in

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## Re-elect Laura Curran Nassau County executive

**J**ust over two years into Laura Curran's first term as county executive, the world was roiled by the coronavirus pandemic. Its continuing impact on life might have consumed lesser elected officials, but not Curran.

The county executive, a Democrat, took control and, following the fact-based advice of health officials, she worked to keep residents informed through her Covid-related news briefings that took place in many communities across the county.

In large part because of her outstanding pandemic response, the Herald enthusiastically endorses Curran for a second term as county executive.

Through a phased-in reopening of businesses, houses of worship and schools, Curran and her administration kept a keen eye on the infection numbers and aimed to ensure the health and safety of everyone in the county. When vaccinations were rolled out, Nassau officials from Curran on down doubled down on the need to vaccinate. As of press time, the county had a 94 percent vaccination rate for adults with at least one dose — the highest in New York state.

Curran used federal money to fund the Boost Nassau program, which began last summer to offer grants to businesses. Also, some 400,000 county households will receive a one-time \$375 direct payment for residents to use as they wish, but which Curran is encouraging people to spend locally to help support pandemic-ravaged businesses.

Her Republican challenger, Hempstead

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Laura Curran

Town Councilman Bruce Blakeman, has been part of the town's battle against Covid-19, which has included a mobile vaccination unit and an array of programs and services that have assisted residents through the pandemic, all paid for with federal dollars. We also commend Blakeman for his role at the town level in easing restrictions for restaurants to create outdoor dining spaces to help them survive the pandemic.

Financially, Curran has navigated the county through the past two budgets, 2019 and 2020, and has delivered balanced fiscal plans but has not raised county taxes since being elected. The current budget battle is still playing out. Her proposed \$70 million tax cut appears sounder than the Republican plan for a \$120 million cut that Blakeman has campaigned on.

A recurring issue that vexes residents is the way homes are assessed across the county. Reassessment has long been thought of as the third rail of Nassau politics, but Curran showed courage in taking on an issue that made so many other elected leaders quiver. The reassessment process was imperfect, with thousands of mistakes. The system is, however, considerably more accurate now for hundreds of thousands of homes.

Blakeman, for all his years in public office, which include two stints as a town councilman and his time in the County Legislature, where he served as presiding officer, was unable to offer concrete suggestions for fixing the reassessment.

The best plan he offered was to take a look under the hood, so to speak, assemble a panel of experts and appoint a special master to investigate what was done and how it could be repaired. When running for the county's highest office, a candidate needs to offer more than that.

During the turmoil of the past couple of years, Curran, in partnership with Nassau County Police Commissioner Patrick Ryder, kept a lid on crime in the county. The work was recognized nationally by U.S. News & World Report, which named Nassau the safest community in the country based on several metrics. Now we expect Curran to take on the challenge of increasing the NCPD's diversity as enthusiastically as she did reopening two police precincts in Manhasset and Levittown.

Both candidates support upgrading Nassau University Medical Center in East Meadow, and Curran said that she has asked the federal government for \$200 million to enhance the hospital's infrastructure. Blakeman said he would aim to increase its revenue by focusing on specialties such as cardiac surgery. Both are good ideas, especially if the federal money is received and spent on what Curran envisions as village-like housing for military veterans on the grounds of the county's "safety-net" hospital. And Blakeman is right that a greater focus on specialties is needed.

We believe Curran's outstanding work in protecting her constituents throughout her first term — particularly during the pandemic — coupled with her willingness and ability to take on critical issues like reassessment have earned her another four years. We urge voters to re-elect her next Tuesday.

## Vote for Josh Lafazan in the 18th Legislative District

**A**t 23 years old, Josh Lafazan became Nassau County's youngest legislator in 2017. He is now in his second term, representing the North Shore's 18th Legislative District.

A registered Independent who caucuses with the Democrats in the Legislature, Lafazan brings innovative ideas and a forward-thinking approach to crafting legislation. He has written 12 laws that have been passed in the past four years.

Lafazan has solid, well-constructed plans to address the county's housing crisis, which is deterring younger generations from staying on Long Island. He wants to focus on providing affordable housing in Nassau's downtowns, centered on Long Island Rail Road stations.

One of his top legislative priorities, he said, is fighting the heroin and opioid epidemic. Timothy's Law, which established a 24-hour hotline for substance-abuse intervention, was introduced by Lafazan and passed in August 2018. Related legis-

### HERALD Endorsement



Josh Lafazan

lation mandated the creation of a smartphone application with resources to prevent substance abuse, such as treatment center locations.

Lafazan also introduced the Dignity For Our Heroes package, signed into law in April 2019, which designated veterans as a protected class under the county's Human Rights Law, in addition to creating the Nassau Commission on

Ending Veteran Homelessness, which guides projects meant to reduce the number of veterans who are housing insecure in the region.

In addition to public service, Lafazan advises Northwell Health on implementing policies and

initiatives to best care for employees, protect the environment and assist communities through strategic partnerships.

He appears to genuinely enjoy working to improve his constituents' lives, which he describes as "the best job on earth." As an elected leader who knocks on residents' doors every year, Lafazan strives to foster a working relationship with the people of his district in order to best address their concerns.

We liked Lafazan's Republican opponent, Paolo Pironi, who is active in his local chamber of commerce and civic affairs throughout Long Island. We believe he is sincere in his desire to do good for the community and appreciate his fervent take on the issues. We do not see any reason, however, to unseat Lafazan.

He has the passion and determination needed to follow through on campaign promises and effect positive change. We urge residents of the 18th District to re-elect him on Tuesday.

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## Re-elect O.B. Town Supervisor Joseph Saladino

The Town of Oyster Bay is in better shape than it has been for many years, and there are a number of reasons. Under Supervisor Joseph Saladino, the town is no longer in financial trouble, and the budget for 2022 will keep town spending, which has increased every year, flat. Additionally, residents will not see a tax increase.

During the coronavirus pandemic, the town never stopped operating. For his ability to get the job done in good times and bad, we endorse Saladino for supervisor.

His challenger, Democrat Amanda Field, had many good ideas. Although she is Plainview's water commissioner, she doesn't have the type of experience needed to run a town as large as Oyster Bay, however.

Saladino was able to reduce the town's workforce, gleaning \$10 million in savings. But at the same time, other non-union employees were promoted, which the supervisor gave as justification for raises that were given. His 2022 budget includes roughly \$93 million for salaries. We believe Saladino should do more to reduce money spent on salaries, perhaps lowering the salaries of some of the highest earners, instead of encouraging town workers to take an early

retirement. But cutting \$10 million is a good place to start.

Hicksville residents complain that their roads have not been paved. Saladino said 400 roads have been in 2021. His budget allocates \$25 million a year for road restoration, which is badly needed. Even so, we encourage Saladino to have his road crews do more for Hicksville.

One of the biggest improvements in the town is Saladino's creation of a fish hatchery for oysters and clams. In the past, the town donated 200,000 oyster and clam seeds annually, but with the hatchery, the number has been increased to 2 million. This will improve the water quality in Oyster Bay and repopulate the harbor with oysters and clams, which have decreased over the years. Saladino and his administration are also planning for the expansion of the North Shore shellfish hatchery to the South Shore, a plan that we support. And Saladino's commitment to adopt a bay management plan is

also a step in the right direction.

Perhaps Saladino's biggest accomplishment is the upgrading of the town's credit rating. He has received six bond-rating increases, including recognition by Moody's Financial Services and Standard and Poor's Global Ratings with an A3 and A+ rating, respectively. And in 2020, the town was removed from the stress monitoring list by the New York state comptroller's office; in 2021, it remained off the list. A solid credit rating means lower rates when bonding, which will benefit taxpayers.

Several small businesses closed during the pandemic, leaving behind empty storefronts in the town. We credit Saladino with the recent surge in small businesses that are opening, and there are other businesses that will open after permits are processed.

The Town of Oyster Bay is experiencing a resurgence, which we credit in large part to the steady leadership of Joseph Saladino. Vote for him Nov. 2.

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Joseph Saladino

## Keep incumbents on the Oyster Bay Town Board

Tom Hand, Louis Imbroto and Michele Johnson should be re-elected to Oyster Bay's town board for their continual efforts to assist residents and businesses.

The Democratic challengers are very passionate about their desire to serve and were able to voice clearly what they believe is wrong with town government, but unable to offer much on how to make things right.

Hand, who was elected in 2017, was the chairman of the Massapequa Water District Board of Water Commissioners and on the executive board of the Nassau Suffolk Water Commissioners Association. We need his expertise to protect the waterways.

He'd like to see the addition of exercise equipment at Centre Island Beach and expansion of food operations at Theodore Roosevelt Park. And Hand wants to

improve transparency by announcing projects before they begin. A lack of transparency is something that residents have complained about for years.

man's Field, which residents have complained about for many years.

She would also like to use The Farm, the 26-acre Littauer estate in Oyster Bay Cove that the town bought more than a decade ago. Johnson would like to see walking tours there so people could enjoy the ponds, pastures and gardens.

Louis Imbroto chairs the Quality of Life Task Force. Two dozen zombie homes have been eliminated under his watch, and he created a zombie home registry. Plywood was used to board up abandoned houses, but under Imbroto, polycarbonate, which is like plexiglass, must be used

instead.

He'd like to see an administrative court established at Town Hall to handle code enforcement. Keeping it inhouse would be more efficient and not depend on "the whims of the court," he said.

We believe the three Republican incumbents have solid ideas that would benefit the Town of Oyster Bay for years to come. Vote for them on Nov. 2.

### HERALD Endorsement



Tom Hand

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Michele Johnson

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Lou Imbroto

## OPINIONS

# Jason Kreiss at 50: Blessings on your head

**H**ow is my son, Jason, like a Mac-Donald's quarter-pounder?

They are both 50 years old this year. And, might I add, both awesome. Also 50 this year? Disney World, the Nasdaq, email, floppy disks, Sacha Baron Cohen, and Hamburger Helper.

Right up alongside my shock at being the mom of a 50-year-old is my shock that e-mail is only 50 years old. How is that possible? The day Jason was born, I couldn't email anyone or send a text or snap a photo on my iPhone. That gizmo wouldn't be launched for 36 more years.



**RANDI  
KREISS**

When your child hits the half-century mark, attention must be paid. How did the little kid with mittens clipped to his jacket learn to drive a car, run a household, start a business? How did the boy who tracked seagulls overhead instead of the soccer ball find his way? What does it mean that he was born, and how does he see this gift of a

life to live?

His story is his to write, but let me say what only a mother can get away with saying: He is a mensch, a loving family man, a loyal friend and a responsible earthling. These things I expect. What I could not have known when he was 6 pounds 9 ounces is that he is both a skilled, empathic lawyer and a dedicated fisherman. One is his profession, the other his passion.

You'd have to ask his kids what they think about his parenting, but I expect, like most teens, they'd give him a B today and an A when they turn 50.

You can see that I'm taking this landmark birthday seriously.

I was such a kid when he was born. Twenty-four years old. He was due on Halloween, and all that day I rested on the couch in our apartment, waiting for some sign and getting only annoying trick-or-treaters banging on the door. Clearly it was too late for second thoughts, but I began wondering what I wanted kids for anyway. They would just grow up to

become annoying goblins beating at the door.

We had a crazy dog in those days, a toy poodle named Lambchop, who quickly became known as the Chopper due to his appetite for domestic goods. That day, while waiting for Jason to be born, I rested on the couch and apparently dozed off for some time, because when I woke up, my pant leg was gone. The Chopper had been gnawing on my cuff (in his favorite flavor, polyester), found a thread and unraveled the entire leg. It was a sign, but not the one I was looking for.

I thought Halloween would be my low point, but seven more days would pass before Jason's birth. And every day I got bigger and more nervous.

On Nov. 6, I ate a large corned beef sandwich for dinner and went to bed early. At 4 a.m. on Nov. 7, my water broke, and my husband and I went into Birth Alert. In a scene reminiscent of a sitcom, my husband leapt up, cracked his head on the headboard and nearly lost consciousness. We immediately called our best friends,

who were on call to drive us to the hospital, and told them we might need them within a few hours. They really appreciated that heads-up at 4 a.m.

"Don't worry," I reassured my husband, "it will be many, many hours before the contractions start. Go back to sleep." As he put his head back down on the pillow, I got a contraction. A big one. "Get up," I said.

"I think I just went to sleep," he said. "But I'm getting another contraction, and it's only two minutes later," I said. "It's not supposed to happen like this. We better get to the hospital."

Six minutes after we first called our friends, we called them back to pick us up. Then the friend who drove told me what he said was the hardest thing he ever had to tell anyone in his life: "I have to stop for gas." He was on empty.

It was a wild ride, but we got to Long Island Jewish Hospital at about 5:30 a.m. Forty minutes later, our son was born.

We named him Jason Wyatt and he will be 50 years old next week. To us he's still a kid, still evolving. But the early results are promising.

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**H**ow did the boy who tracked seagulls overhead instead of the soccer ball find his way?



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