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Of course like everything else, the BBP Youth Football season was under question if we would play at all. Ages starting at 5/6 and going all the way up to 12 years of age is what the league has always been offering. In the past years flag has taken over at the younger ages. 9 through 12 year old tackle football was not allowed for the 2020 season.

So after some lengthy board meetings and scrambling for interest, the BBP Youth Football League formed a full flag season. The turnout was incredible as most age groups had 2-3 teams. A 7 game season was played and just finished up last weekend. President Coach James Most was thrilled with the excitement the season brought after thinking it all was going to be a wash. He also stated that it was nice to see a lot of girls sign up and play vs the boys. We want to thank all the coaches who took time out of their schedule to selflessly coach all the amazing boys and girls. And a big thank you to all our players giving it their all this season.

-Seth
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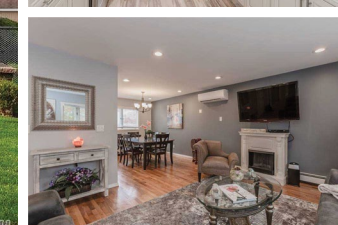
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By 9011228-5

Sunny Days FYI FYI

Diana Reid



I've decided to share a cute and funny Thanksgiving poem by Jack Prelutsky. Since I'm not able to have our usual holiday feast, I thought we all could at least laugh together. "The turkey shot out of the oven and rocketed into the air It knocked every plate off the table and partly demolished a chair It ricocheted into a corner and burst with a deafening boom

then splattered all over the kitchen completely obscuring the room It stuck to the walls and the windows it totally covered the floor there was turkey attached to the ceiling where there'd never been turkey before it blanketed every appliance it smeared every saucer and bowl there wasn't a way I could stop it that turkey was out of control I scraped and I scrubbed with displeasure and thought with chargin as I mopped that I'd never again stuff a turkey with popcorn that hadn't been popped" !!!!!!! However you decide to celebrate this Thanksgiving, be sure to "Give Thanks" And I'd like to still end by saying.... Happy Living !!!!!

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Nature as Nurture

By Dr. Meridith Leo

At the start of the Covid-19 pandemic many people were seeking the refuge of the outdoors to release energy, stress, and plainly to find something fun to do. Being out and about in the natural world has a knack for nurturing the soul in ways that bring us back to life. Like many of us we found scenic roads, local beaches, or hidden winding paths to explore throughout a difficult time. One local Blue Pointer, Larry Glenn not only found a great way to enjoy nature with his dog, but also learned about the progress the new Bayport Blue Point Library was making.

If you have walked by the pre-existing building that housed St. Ursula's convent on Blue Point Avenue and peeked through the black privacy screen, you might see mounds of dirt and large construction vehicles that are hard at work renovating the space. What you might not see from the street view is that the landscape slowly began changing, but on a walk one day Glenn discovered something: "One day I noticed that painted X's had appeared on the stumps of a lot of trees. I walked around a bit and counted about twenty trees so marked. Most of these trees appeared to be in fair (or better) health and were nowhere near the building or the fence line. Like me, I'm sure many of you have admired the beauty, diversity and longevity of the trees that distinguish the property." The beautiful trees on the property as well as in the Bayport Blue Point Community are staples of elegance.

While driving down Blue Point Avenue there are a variety of trees and plants that decorate the verges and removing them would mean altering the visual landscape. Likewise removing trees would require an expert's advice. After doing additional research Glenn discovered, "That the Library had compiled the 'Tree Inventory Assessment' (which can be viewed on the Library's website) using the recommendations of a professional arborist as well as the requirements of the developers for improvements (parking, handicap access, mandatory septic upgrades, etc.). There are 119 trees on the property. Of the 119 trees in the summary, 37 trees were marked "REMOVE", and an additional 19 were marked "REMOVE?" (potentially to be felled either on the arborists recommendation or the necessity of their removal for improvements), so 56 trees going down on paper." At that point Glenn reached out to the library director, Mike Firestone who was helping with the plans and renovations. Together they were able to make some changes that would enable the preservation of more trees in relevant areas. "The bottom line is that of the 56 trees that would or could have been removed, 19 will be removed to allow for the necessary improvements," said Glenn.

It is with great excitement that onlookers can see the progress being made to the home of the Bayport Blue Point Library and while there is a sense of newness in the renovations, there is also a nostalgic subtle nod towards the visual beauty of the land. Thankfully local community members are working to conserve those elements that make our south shore a unique refuge. Albert Einstein once said, "Look deep into nature, and then you will understand everything better." What better way to understand things than by having a library marrying a natural sprawling landscape for our community to enjoy.

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Dear Bayport / Blue Point Community:

Every year your local Troop 329 scouts have likely called on many of you asking for your support to either sponsor or buy tickets to our annual spaghetti dinner fundraiser, held each November at the Bayport Methodist Church. Due to COVID-19 we are unable to hold our fundraiser dinner this Fall. In the spirit of scouting to help others, we would like to ask the community to consider donating to the Bayport Methodist Church and / or Our Lady of Snow's food pantries, or community outreach programs, in lieu of purchasing a Troop 329 Spaghetti Dinner ticket this year. We look forward to bring back our annual Spaghetti Dinner tradition next year! Until then!

- Yours In Scouting, The Troop 329 Scout Master, Scouts, and Committee

The BAFFA Beat Goes On

To celebrate BAFFA's 52nd year as an arts organization we are spotlighting past concerts and art shows online. Our aim is to reminisce, inspire and connect with our audience until our symphony orchestra and chorus can perform live concerts and we can invite the community back into the BAFFA Art Gallery.

Every two weeks we'll present a new video of our orchestra or chorus on our web page (www.baffa.org), our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/baffa/>), or YouTube page (https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCe_ORPjNeV8QX0ORgqUF-wgA). This week's orchestra presentation (November 4th), is Intermezzo from Cavalleria Rusticana by Mascagni with an introduction by Maestro Richard Wright

On November 18th, watch as the BAFFA Chorus presents For the Beauty of the Earth by Rutter as our tribute to Thanksgiving with accompanying art work by Women Sharing Art.

The videos are free as our gift to our audience during these trying times. Donations to BAFFA are always welcome. If you wish to donate, or become a member of BAFFA, our mailing address is BAFFA, PO Box 16, Bayport, NY 11705. For further information (631)589-7343.

While all BAFFA concerts, gallery exhibits and events are temporarily postponed, we invite you to view our virtual programming using any one of the links below.

Be sure to visit often as we plan to update our content regularly.



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Scan here to go to BAFFA's Facebook page

Heritage Holiday Raffle

Old Saint Nick came early to Meadowcroft this year and he has left some wonderful goodies for you!

The Bayport-Blue Point Heritage Association will be raffling off 12 gift baskets filled to the brim with all good things. Drawings will be held live on Facebook every Sunday at 7:00 starting November 29th thru December 20th, 2020 so be sure to follow us on Facebook.

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The Bayport-Blue Point Gazette and Sayville Gazette are pleased to announce an exciting new addition to our monthly newspapers. We are creating center spread pullout supplements that will give great support at discounted rates for our South Shore restaurant, bar, brewery, and hospitality trade during this difficult time. These supplements will be refrigerator magnet magnificent! Along with local drop locations, the Gazettes are direct mailed to over 12,000 residents. Space will be limited so please consider the options below and reach out to the our Gazette Sales Representative, Laura Kessler (631) 495-8368 or via email at kessler.gazette@gmail.com.

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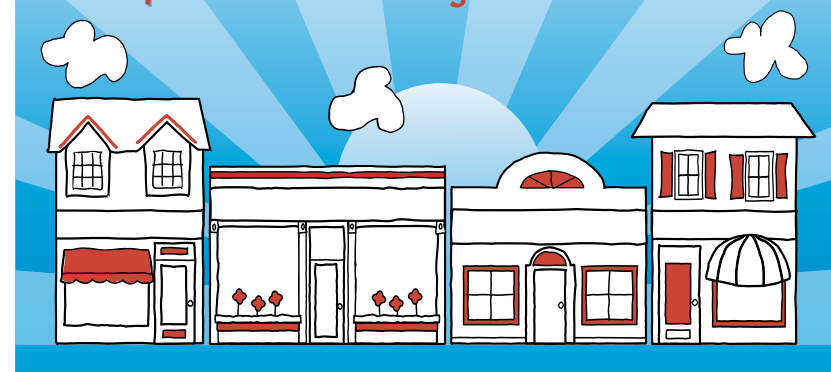
Girl Scouts Thank Veterans



Local Girl Scout Troop 1361 of Bayport thanked veterans this year by creating artwork for our service men and women. The Brownies of Troop 1361 are all third graders and have been together as Girl Scouts since Kindergarten. This year, for Veterans' Day, the young ladies wanted to celebrate the accomplishments of our troops by memorializing their work in art. The pieces were distributed to family members of the Scouts and also to veterans at the VA Hospital in Northport.



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Latin Roots in Blue Point

By Eliza Behn



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Staying true to their Latina roots, Muneca Art House in Blue Point had an ofrenda for Halloween this year.

An ofrenda is an altar that is put together as an offering during Dia de los Muertos celebrations.

Artist Carlos Morales curated the ofrenda and the accompanying film, both dedicated to children who had lost their lives making the border crossing.

Carlos Morales was born in Mexico City and now resides in the New York City area. Before studying photography, Carlos spent many hours volunteering with various organizations dedicated to advancing immigrant rights. Beginning with the Workplace Project in 2000, his experiences contributed to a growing interest in the medium as he began to document and capture critical moments in the small town of Farmingville on Long Island.

During this time, he assisted a photographer sent by the Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC) to document hate crimes in Suffolk County, and contributed photographs and testimony to their special report, *Climate of Fear: Latinos Immigrants in Suffolk County* (2009). Carlos was invited to be an exhibiting artist at *SCCC's El Dia de la Raza* (2006); published photographs and prose in *Hybrido*, a Spanish arts and literature journal (2008); and co-authored "On Hate Crimes" for the 11th edition of the same journal. He has been a guest speaker on *Barricada*, a weekly bilingual radio program on WPKN (89.5 fm). Carlos was honored as a recipient of the Equality Award given annually by the Suffolk Chapter of the NY Civil Liberties Union in 2010.



Boy Scout troop 329 had a food drive for the food pantry at Our Lady of the Snow on Sunday 11/8. Colin Maggi did this for a Star rank in Boy Scouts. He raised \$870.00 in cash and gift cards. Also two big tables of food for the pantry. Thanks Colin!



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to making new friends and seeing some familiar faces!

Now that we have had the chance to introduce ourselves, I am going to share one of my fondest training stories with you. This is the story of Max a Jack Russell Terrier. Max's mom called me very upset. It was explained to me that Max chases SUV's and got into the wheel well and was shot out unharmed. You can imagine what this must have felt like for her and little Max. Her words were "Do whatever you have to do to keep my boy safe!"

Now I step in to work with Max and his mom. Their determination was nothing I have ever had the chance to see with a previous client. The commitment was there! We worked hard and between each session they did their homework and it really showed. Each step of the way built their confidence and their bond. They completed the 6-week course with flying colors. With the right tools and equipment, the knowledge, and commitment Max spent the rest of his life looking both ways before crossing the street. If a vehicle were coming, he would move at least two feet back to wait till it was safe to walk. He never went back on a leash again.

Due to the outcome Max will always leave warm heartfelt memories. I am still in touch with his Mom and she is always too kind on reminding me that Max was so good due to the training. While this is greatly appreciated their hard work is what got them to having such a beautiful life together! Training is only as effective as you make it. Ultimutt K9 is here to help educate you and your dog to have the best life possible! All our best,

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Max: Protecting & cleaning abandoned baby squirrel

Pizza for a Cause



Could you eat an entire pizza in under 7 minutes? It's a particularly impressive feat, but not quite as ambiguous as orchestrating a Thanksgiving meal for 1,200 people. Ryan Carroll, of the local charity Carroll's Kitchen, is aiming to do both.

What does feeding over a thousand people look like? It amounts to an unrelenting 500 pounds of sliced turkey drowned in 27 gallons of gravy, and accompanied by 400 pounds each of cornbread stuffing, cranberry compote, Brussels sprouts, and of course, mashed potatoes. Carroll's Kitchen, in its latest collaboration with Angels of Long Island, Servicing the Underserved, and The United Veteran Beacon House, is aiming to

cook and deliver these Thanksgiving meals locally to Veterans, the elderly, and families in need this holiday season.

In an effort to help fund this endeavor, Blue Point's Bistro25 East hosted a pizza eating contest this past Sunday evening. 25 Pizza were generously donated by Vaspa Italian Kitchen and Bar for the event, which consisted of 20 contestants vying for a \$500 prize. While the competition was fierce, once again Wayne Algenio came out on top, consuming an entire cheese pie in 4 minutes and 19 seconds. All contenders finished within 7 minutes, followed by a great deal of laughter, good natured ribbing, and I assume indigestion.

If you'd like contribute to the Thanksgiving Drive but are uninterested in having to eat an entire pizza in one sitting, you can donating directly to Carroll's Kitchen at www.carrollskitchenli.org, because honestly, that's a lot of gravy.



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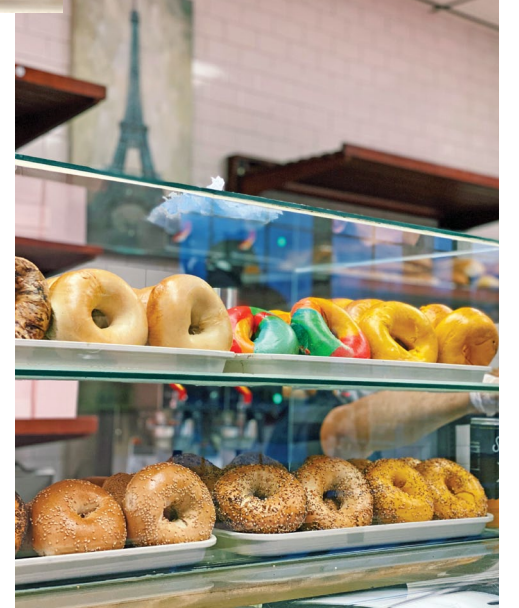
Sweet Escape Bakery Comes to Bayport



Sweet Escape Bakery officially opened its doors Friday, October 30 at 8am. Styled after a French pâtisserie and decorated in a soft pink, Bayport's newest eatery is a feast for the senses. Behind the colorful creations is owner Stephanie Cocozzelli who began baking 5 years ago after taking over her father's deli where her baked goods became an instant favorite for locals and gradually amassed a loyal online following. With a lack of room to devote to the ever increasing orders, Cocozzelli and her husband realized they had outgrown their previous space and started looking for the right location

to expand. When the opportunity to move to Bayport arose in August, they eagerly secured the building. In a truly impressive fashion, they managed to complete the renovation in under 3 months.

Among the most popular items are French macarons, the delicate and often finicky meringue-based sandwich cookie, that are her signature confection. "Macarons are my favorite," gushed Emma Young, 16 of Bayport, "and the ones Sweet Escape makes are delicious!" Young highly recommends the Nutella flavored, which are known to sell out before the day is done. Other



crowd pleasers include fruity pebbles, s'mores, and pistachio. If you're wandering in for a morning caffeine fix, Sweet Escape offers Sail Away Cold Brew, a Long Island based nitro

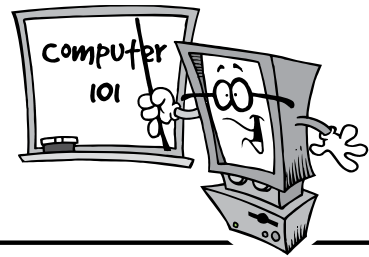
coffee operation on tap.

Looking toward the future, Sweet Escape is planning to offer baking workshops and cupcake decorating parties for those who want to try their hand at creating their own delicacies. As the holidays approach, keep a look out for the 12 flavors of Christmas macarons box, which are sure to make a sweet gift.



pc Help101

By Rich Vatalaro



Hello readers,

With more ads and annoying pop-ups appearing in Windows with each new update you are probably starting to get sick of them. This week a reader wrote me about the ads that were popping up in the lower right screen of her computer called the notifications area. Each new update brings with it new and useful features but also, Microsoft manages to sneak in more “suggestions” aka ads.

To stop these ads or suggestions go to Settings then System and then Notifications and turn Notifications to off. Also uncheck any other boxes that are checked. To turn off things from the Start Menu, go to Settings and then Personalization and turn off Suggested Apps. Read through the choices and uncheck what else you don’t want or need. You can also remove Lock screen ads by going to Settings and Personalization, choosing Lock Screen, and setting Background to Picture or Slideshow. Also turn off Fun facts.

Taskbar ads are normally called “tips, tricks and suggestions”. To shut them down go to Settings, System, Notifications and Actions and disable “get tips” as you use Windows. In a nutshell by accessing Settings from the Start button you will find a host of things you can do to customize your Windows experience and rid yourself of some of the Windows annoyances.

Now to remove ads in Microsoft Edge which is Windows built-in browser you simply need to access its settings. Open Edge and tap on the three dots at the top right of the window then choose Settings. Scroll down and select Site Permissions, then select Pop-ups and redirects and then slide off the toggle (>) next to Block Pop-ups.

To block ads in Chrome, open Chrome and click its three dots on top right and choose Settings. Type pop into the Setting window at top of screen and click on Site settings. Under pop-ups it should say blocked. If it says allowed, click on Pop-ups, and redirects and turn off the Allowed switch.

In closing, remember I am always available to offer advice, answer your questions, and access your PC remotely for repairs and tutoring. I am back to making house calls again with necessary precautions. I have added Smart Home Speakers such as Alexa and Google Home to my list of services from setup to automating your home. I can install your new equipment and can show you how to use them. I can also set up your Wi-Fi or wireless printing and show you how to use your new Smartphone. Any situation you encounter or to simply answer a question via an e-mail or phone call I am available. Simply send your questions to: Rich@PCHelp101.com or call me at 631.590.1469.

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Studying Biodiversity in Bayport

As part of their ecology unit, students in Phillip Turano’s Advanced Placement Environmental Science class at Bayport-Blue Point High School recently participated in a hands-on biodiversity study of a pond. They first watched a video demonstrating ecological sampling techniques and were then provided with real samples from a local pond. According to Turano, in working with these samples, “the students did a phenomenal job cataloguing macro-invertebrate species and calculating the biodiversity of the pond. It was a field trip in the classroom: bringing the outdoors indoors.”

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The Votes Are In At Kiddie Kampus West!

Each year the three and four year old students at Kiddie Kampus West learn about Election Day. The teachers read several books, including My Teacher for President by Kay Winters and talk about the importance of voting. Every four years, during the presidential election, the children vote at an election table for their favorite Disney character. This year Mickey Mouse and Olaf were the candidates. Olaf took it away with a 39 to 20 vote win the 2020 Kiddie Kampus West election!

-Debra Lurie
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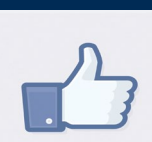


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BBPHS Trunk or Treat

Halloween 2020 dawned crisp and unseasonable cold, but that didn't discourage dozens of pint-sized goblins and ghouls from making their way up to Bayport-Blue Point High School for the first ever Trunk or Treat. Organized by the BBP Teachers Association, and aided by volunteers from the high school art league, the Trunk or Treat aimed to create a safe place for young kids to celebrate Halloween during the COVID-19 pandemic, in lieu of the annual indoor festivities the school generally hosts.

Kids eagerly waited at stations marked by smiling jack-o'-lanterns and ghosts along a trail to the north parking lot in order to stagger arrival into the event. The front lawn of the high school was littered with pumpkins for each child to take home. Teachers and students decorated 10 car trunks in classic Halloween themes and despite the frigid temperatures student volunteers enthusiastically gave away candy, snacks, and toys to the delight of their trick or treaters.



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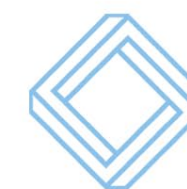
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