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City Views



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Mayor's Update *The Growth Continues and Answers to Your Questions.*

As we continue to enhance the vitality of Glen Cove and re-establish ourselves as the center of commerce for the North Shore of Long Island, we are proud to provide you with some very good news. At year's end, our city's debt will have gone down by \$8 million, we will make the final payment on our deficit financing obligation and with our upgraded credit rating we are now able to borrow for Capital projects at lower interest rates. In addition, through the renegotiation of our annual sanitation contract with Winter Brothers, we will save over \$100,000 this year and the refinancing of our city's bonds at a lower interest rate will yield the city savings of approximately \$850,000 over the next 10 years. These financial improvements are important to our taxpayers as cost management and smart fiscal planning can keep our taxes stable and improve our city's status with banks and lending institutions.

In addition to the strides we are making on the economic front, we are also maintaining our commitment to bring in new businesses, development projects and improve our recreational facilities and opportunities while attracting new families into our community. With so many exciting things happening in Glen Cove, I thought you might also want to hear the answers to some recent questions that have been asked by our residents.

When will construction begin on the new AMC theatre?

Construction will begin the week of May 22 with anticipated completion by September 5. The great news is that AMC Glen Cove 6 will remain open during its renovation with two theatres operating throughout the summer.

I heard Glen Cove will be a "Tournament City," what does that mean?

This is a real "field of dreams" for Glen Cove. Over the summer and early fall, our ball fields at John Maccarone (City) Stadium remain idle. By partnering with a top baseball tournament organizer, a series of tournaments will be held for 10 weeks in June, July and August. During each weekend tournament, travel baseball teams aligned with Perfect Game and other organizations, families will come from throughout the tristate area to play ball, dine in our restaurants, shop in our stores and enjoy all that Glen Cove has to offer. Projections show that over the course of a three day tournament 1500-1800 new visitors will be spending time and money at our local businesses. And, not only will the city realize an estimated \$120,000 in new revenues for the 10 week program but Glen Cove's travel baseball teams get to participate in the tournaments for free.

What's the latest with the Village Square Project?

After the opening of Panera Bread the plans for the continued development of the Piazza Project stalled. Fortunately, in a private transaction, the developer of the Piazza sold the property to RXR Realty. In March, RXR presented its plan to the Planning Board for a new Village Square. The plan calls for a larger open plaza for community events, residential living on top of retail stores and dining options. It is estimated that demolition and construction will begin sometime in the late spring. This project is vital to the revitalization of our downtown and will bring vibrancy, new residents and exciting offerings to downtown Glen Cove.

What's happening at Garvies Point?

RXR Realty has begun the first phase of construction for their Garvies Point project. This effort will include an offering of luxury apartment rentals and condominiums in their Beacon and Harbor Landing buildings. In addition, there will be the development of new playgrounds, parks, an amphitheater, ecology pier, Dog Park, esplanade, marina and marina activities and so much more for the public to enjoy. To learn more about the project, residents can visit their welcome center on Herb Hill Road.

Are there any plans for the Coles School?

Yes. We are reviewing a series of opportunities that would retain the integrity of the Coles School as an educational facility while we pinpoint other uses for the rear of the property that would support the needs of our city's youth.



Mayor Spinello and RXR Realty's CEO and Chairman Scott Rechler were recently interviewed by Jim Paymar, host of WLIW21's Long Island Business Report, about the city's Garvies Point project. The show will air in April and check the city's web site for updates.



Under the leadership of Sheryl Goodine and the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Commission, the community honored this civil rights hero with a parade and special program on Martin Luther King Jr. Day.



City leaders joined Mayor Spinello, Glen Cove School Superintendent Dr. Maria Rianna and Deasy School teachers for their annual Parents As Reading Partners' Community Readers' Day.



CBS-TV's "Kevin Can Wait" shot on location at St. Rocco's Church and the show's star Kevin James took time to say hello to Mayor Spinello and Father Daniel.

Business Briefs



Business Matters

**Deputy Mayor
Barbara Peebles**

Glen Cove is business friendly and always puts the local businesses first! Our "Open for Business" campaign focuses on creating initiatives that support business development. In addition there are other activities underway specific to the Downtown Revitalization such as parking garage improvements, wayfinding signs, and refurbishment of the alleyways. Downtown's ability to retain businesses and grow into a regional destination, in close coordination with development of the waterfront remains a top priority and our effort is proving successful. As a self-contained municipality we have the ability to foster a supportive business environment for both new and existing businesses. Our approach combines thoughtful and consultative meetings with businesses and developers that encourage selected retail recruitment with strategic investments. This strategy will make Glen Cove an attractive destination for businesses, employees, visitors and residents looking for a unique and inviting place to spend their time and discretionary dollars.

Upcoming Business Development Panel

Plans are underway to host an Executive Business Breakfast in early June. This will be an opportunity for investors, developers, retail and commercial real estate brokers to hear from a panel of prominent Glen Cove business leaders. Attendees will gain insight into what attracted and retained long time successful businesses as well as learn why companies such as AMC Movie Theater selected Glen Cove over several competing municipalities for their next expansion.



If you are a new business or you are celebrating anniversary milestones, please call my office at (516) 676-2004 and we can help you celebrate and share the news.

Celebrating Glen Cove Businesses



RK Design Group, 50 Glen Street. Ms. Regina Krawzick, President and CEO was determined to find a Glen Cove location and we celebrated her Ribbon Cutting of RK Design Group beautifully appointed office on the ground floor of 50 Glen Street.

"My serene and beautiful Glen Cove, I fell in love with this city a couple of years ago. Glen Cove is one town on Long Island I know the rich, middle class and less privileged live in harmony. The inhabitants and officials of Glen Cove have welcomed my business and helped me tremendously. The residents are unbelievably friendly hence motivating the elected officials to open this city up for bigger businesses to invest in Glen Cove and thrive." ~ Regina Krawzick

The DiNoto Group, 5 School Street. AMC Theater opening soon.

"I am very pleased to confirm that AMC will be the new operator of the Glen Cove Cinemas. AMC is expected to begin construction in May and completed by September. While the renovations will be extensive, AMC plans to keep two screens operational, during the construction. Securing a national tenant of this caliber is a clear example that the Glen Cove is open for business, and the revitalization continues to move forward. My Partner, Paul Posillico and I, are honored to be one of the many businesses committed to Glen Cove. ~ Rob DiNoto, Owner



Diverse Cuisine Builds Glen Cove's Reputation as a Culinary Destination.

La Vicharra Grille A new Peruvian Restaurant brings spice to a vacant corner at 58 Landing Road.

We also Welcome **Wild Ginger Restaurant** opening it's 6th location at 26 School Street, a Pan-Asian eatery offering Chinese, Southeast Asian & fusion dishes in an atmospheric space.

Residents that have been fishing for a local fish will soon enjoy a variety of fresh "catch" at the **Greek Captain Seafood & Restaurant** located at 284 Glen Street. And another exciting option, a mediterranean restaurant, **Meritage Wine & Tapas Bar** will be opening at 90 School Street.



Supporting Local Business

"Glen Cove Mobile Food Court" Glen Cove is waking up to exciting new changes! Many projects will commence work this spring as the Mayor noted in his update on page one. These projects will bring hundreds of construction workers and related service providers to Glen Cove over the next 5 to 7 years, on a daily basis. This means hundreds of new opportunities for local businesses to increase customer foot traffic! The Mayor has tasked me to work with the Downtown BID and Chamber of Commerce to consider a plan that would offer local eateries a prime opportunity to enhance their business. This unique initiative is a first for Glen Cove and we expect a positive impact to our local businesses.

Glen Cove Commercial Rehabilitation Façade Grant Program. We are committed to supporting the economic growth and longevity of local businesses. One of the programs the city offers to support our longtime loyal businesses is the Commercial Rehabilitation Façade Grant Program; a HUD funded program, administered by Nassau County through the Glen Cove Community Development Agency (CDA), to encourage rehabilitation and preservation of commercial buildings by offering financial and limited technical assistance for façade restoration. The goal is to return the downtown to a visibly attractive, economically viable and visitor friendly place to shop, recreate and enjoy. Business owners should contact the CDA (516)-676-1625 x112 to determine eligibility. www.glencovecda.org

City Priorities and Points of Interest



Glen Cove Volunteer Fire Department to Celebrate 180th Anniversary

This year marks the 180th Anniversary of the Glen Cove Volunteer Fire Department (GCVFD) and at the 2017 installation of the department's officers earlier this year, Mayor Spinello remarked, "I am proud of the work that each and every one of our members does to safeguard the Glen Cove community. People often forget that our fire department members are all volunteers who each day put their lives on the line for the health and wellness of our residents." GCVFD Chief Philip Grella Jr added, "We are proud of the work our members do to support our city and on the occasion of our anniversary, it is a time to remember all of the men and women who fearlessly served before us and the young men and women who will continue this rich tradition in the future."



Chief Grella extends an open invitation to all Glen Covers to participate in the department's 180th Anniversary festivities on Saturday, June 17. The day will begin at 9 a.m. with the department hosting a 5th Battalion Drill at Tappens Beach where 11 fire departments will compete for top recognition and that event will follow with a Anniversary parade at 6 p.m. through downtown Glen Cove. To learn more about joining this important community organization, please call the Glen Cove Volunteer Fire Department at (516) 676-0366.



City of Glen Cove Tax Department Announces New Evening Hours

To meet the needs of our residents who prefer to pay their tax bills in-person but are unable to come to City Hall between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., the city Controller and Assessor Sandra Clarson recently announced that she is scheduling a series of extended window hours in accordance with our tax payment cycle. "This initiative is the start of a series of changes that Ms. Clarson is recommending to better serve our tax payers," said Mayor Reggie Spinello. "After a successful launch of an online payment system for the water department last year, in the coming months we look forward to introducing a new online payment system for residents to pay their tax bills by credit card."

Tax Collection Type

2nd Half City Tax
2nd Half County Tax
1st Half School Tax

Collection Dates

June 1 to July 10th
July 1 to August 10th
August 1 to September 1st

Late Nights

July 7th and July 10th
August 9th
August 31st

New Bus for Glen Cove Senior Center Adult Day Care Program

Through the generous support of Nassau County, the Glen Cove Senior Center's Adult Day Program was the recipient of a new 20 seat bus priced at \$75,057.00. At a recent ribbon cutting ceremony, Glen Cove Mayor Reggie Spinello, Glen Cove Senior Center Executive Director Carol Waldman and Adult Day Program Director Lisa Craig joined Nassau County Executive Ed Mangano, Acting Commissioner of Human Services James Dolan, Director of the Nassau County Office for the Aging Victoria Meyerhoefer, Nassau County Liaison Beth Limmer, grateful members of the Adult Day Program and representatives of the Glen Cove Chamber of Commerce to celebrate this benevolent gift. "We are so thankful to Nassau County and all of the people who helped make this donation possible. The new bus is literally and figuratively a vehicle that provides access to vital programs and services, for our members," said Carol Waldman. The Glen Cove Senior Center Adult Day program provides a safe and stimulating environment for Glen Cove and the surrounding area's frail elderly to socialize and be active among good friends.





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Glen Cove, NY 11542

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Glen Cove Residents Making A Difference

First City Project:



First City Project Invited Residents to View Urban Art Gallery at Coles House. The Glen Cove art scene came alive last month at the First City Project's Open House event. Curated by Joe LaPadula, Sean Sullivan and Harris Lobel this visually dynamic gallery featured the work of over 130 urban street artists from around our community and around the world. With local artists, photographers and culinary artisans featured at the event, there was an air of creative energy that surrounded this breakthrough artistic endeavor.

Fred Nielsen:



With the city's Memorial Day services, decoration of the city's war monuments and parade scheduled for Monday, May 29, the committee is pleased to announce that Mr. Fred R. Nielsen has been named the 2017 parade honoree. Mr. Nielsen, an active member of the Glen Cove veteran community, is a retired U.S. Marine Corps Major and the recipient of the Presidential Unit Citation, the Meritorious Unit Citation, Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry, the Secretary of Defense Meritorious Service among other awards and citations.

Glen Cove 350 Hosts First Fundraising Event



It was a flashback to the '50's and '60's as Glen Cove residents enjoyed a "Twist & Shout" afternoon at the Nassau Country Club, kicking-off the fundraising efforts to underwrite our community celebration in 2018 when Glen Cove celebrates its 350th Anniversary. Attendees enjoyed the music of the Acchords, delicious food bites and participated in a special basket raffle made possible through the generous donations of residents and local merchants and restaurants like Restaurante de Claudio, London Jewelers, Harbour Mist Restaurant, Pat's Place, Razzano's Imported Food Specialty, Old Fashioned Bakery, Downtown Café, Vito's Ristorante, Amalfi Ristorante, RXR Garvies Point, The Matinecock Rod & Gun Club, Glen Cove Golf Club, ClayNation, Pita Station, Valley Sports, Glen Cove Hospital Northwell Health, the View Grill, Rising Tide, the Glen Cove Youth Bureau, Martino Auto Concepts, Worth Repeating, Birch, Avon and Pampered Chef Consultants, Angela's Bakery, North Coast Subaru. Special thanks to Jacquelyn Yonick, GC 350 Events chairperson and Marcia Travatello, Twist & Shout chairperson (pictured here). The next fundraising event, a fun-filled Brew, Stew & BBQ will be held on July 15, 2017. For more information and to join a committee, please visit www.GC350.com. Businesses interested in sponsoring upcoming events, please call (516) 676-2004.

Jacki Yonick and Marcia Travatello at "Twist and Shout" GC350 event

Glen Cove Beautification Commission Thanks Residents for Chipping Trees



Over 90 trees were collected by our Beautification Commission during their annual Chip-A-Tree event. With spring now in the air, the mulch from those trees will be used in the city's Adopt-A-Spot gardens as well as in parks, at the golf course and other city facilities. "We are very fortunate to have an active Beautification Commission and I am grateful for the outstanding support of our members and the Duffy family – Tom, Tom Jr. and Peter – from Old County Tree Service for their help each year," said Darcy Belyea, Glen Cove Parks & Recreation Director.



Glen Cove 350th Anniversary Trivia

As the city prepares to celebrate its 350th Anniversary in 2018, the Glen Cove Public Library wants to help residents reminisce about their city and learn a little more about our history. Here are a few trivia questions to test your city smarts.

- In 2010, a television commercial was filmed at the Glen Cove Volunteer Fire Department, featuring Glen Cove Volunteer Fire Department firefighters. What company shot the commercial?
- Did you know that Glen Cove was originally called Musketa Cove? Why was the name changed?
- What year did the Long Island Railroad reach Glen Cove?
- Who was the original owner of West Island?

*See left hand side for answers

GLEN COVE TOWN HALL MEETINGS:

All Glen Cove residents are invited to attend one of two Town Hall meetings planned for April. Our first meeting will be held on April 6 at the Landing School and the second discussion will be on April 24 at the Connolly School. Both programs begin at 7 p.m. and will feature Mayor Spinello, Deputy Mayor Barbara Peebles and guest speakers from the Police, EMS, Fire, Code Enforcement, Parks & Recreation, Senior Center, Communications and Community Relations departments and Glen Cove Hospital Northwell Health. Questions will be accepted in advance of the Town Hall meeting by emailing Susan Tripp at sgtripp@cityofglenconveny.org

Mayor



Reginald A. Spinello

City Council



Joseph Capobianco



Nick DiLeo Jr.



Pamela Panzenbeck



Efraim Spagnoletti



Timothy Tenke



Roderick Watson

Answers: A. Hunt's for Hunt's tomato sauce B. Musketa was negatively associated with mosquitos and in 1834 city residents changed the name to Glen Cove C. 1867 D. Charles A. Dana E. John Pierpont Morgan.