



Supervisor Joseph Saladino and the Town Board



# Discover Oyster Bay

Dear Neighbors,

Summer in the Town of Oyster Bay provides us a great opportunity to better explore the rich history that exists in our own backyard. For those reasons, **I invite you and your family to get a new perspective and Discover Oyster Bay's history and heritage.**

Did you know that the Town of Oyster Bay helped General George Washington win the Revolutionary War? It's true; but our history began even earlier than that. I invite you to explore the Native American heritage of the Massapeqs, early Colonial roots and the history of the Quakers, who founded one of America's oldest religious congregations. You can also roam the grounds of President Theodore Roosevelt's home at Sagamore Hill or turn through the pages of time at the Northrop Grumman History Center to learn how our community put Americans on the moon.

**The Town of Oyster Bay has become synonymous with some of the most important historical moments in our nation's history.** President Theodore Roosevelt's words ring true today, "...it is an excellent thing to study the history of the great deeds of the past, and of the great men who did them." I encourage you to Discover Oyster Bay's history and heritage by visiting some of the beautiful historic locations enclosed in this guide. Your adventure starts here!

Sincerely,

**Joseph Saladino**  
Town Supervisor



# EARLY SETTLERS & COLONIAL TIMES:

**TOWNSEND MUSEUM** - (516) 922-5434 - 107 East Main Street, Oyster Bay, NY 11771 - This museum was created in 1982 to display historical family memorabilia relating to John, Henry and Richard Townsend, 17th century settlers of Long Island.

**FORT NECK MARKER** - Southeast corner of Fairfax and Gloucester Road, Massapequa, NY 11758 - This site marks an area believed to have been where a tribe of Massapequa Indians lived. Early Colonists gave the area the name Fort Neck. The marker also commemorates the 1658 sale of the nearby meadows by the Massapequas to the colonists.



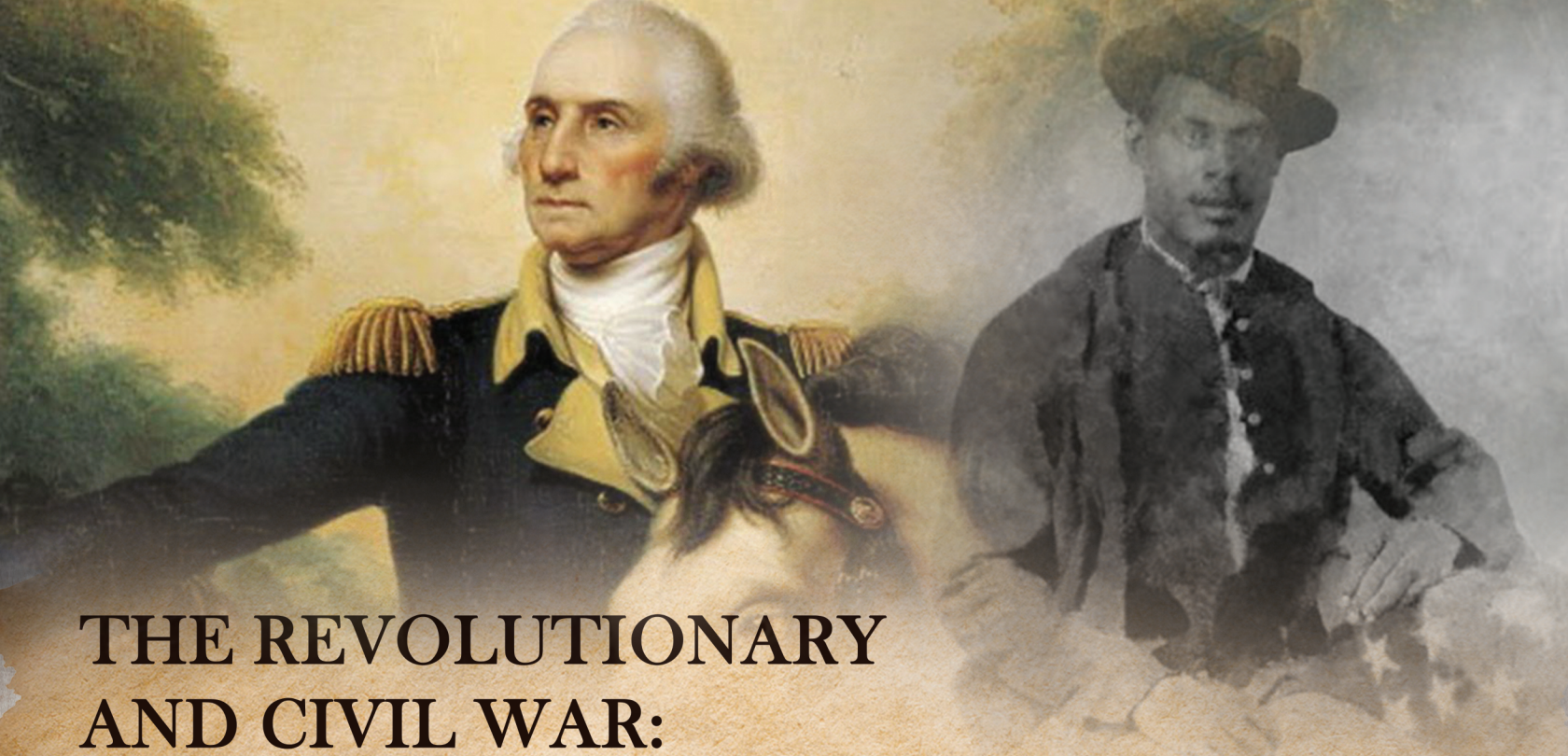
## QUAKERS MOVEMENT IN OUR TOWN:

**BETHPAGE FRIENDS MEETING** - (516) 752-1859 - Quaker Meeting House Rd, Farmingdale, NY 11735 - The Bethpage Friends Meeting in Farmingdale, one of America's oldest religious congregations, marked its 300 anniversary in 1998. Thomas Powell along with other Quaker settlers of the Bethpage Purchase organized the Bethpage Meeting in 1698, and they met in each other's homes on "First Day" (Sunday) for worship. They were known as the Bethpage Preparative Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends.

**JERICHO FRIENDS MEETING** - 6 Old Jericho Turnpike, Jericho, NY 11753 - The historic complex consists of the Quaker meetinghouse (1788), former Friends' schoolhouse (1793), a large gable roofed shed (ca. 1875), and the Friends' cemetery. The meeting house is a two-story, gable roofed timber framed structure clad in wood shingles. One of the people who helped build the meeting house was preacher Elias Hicks (1748 - 1830), who is buried at the cemetery within the complex. It was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2002.

**MATINECOCK FRIENDS MEETING** - Duck Pond Road & Piping Rock Road, Locust Valley, NY 11560 - One of the oldest houses of worship in the nation and built by the Quakers in 1671, the original building was constructed around 1725 and stood until it was destroyed by fire in 1985. A new building was completed in 1986.





## THE REVOLUTIONARY AND CIVIL WAR:

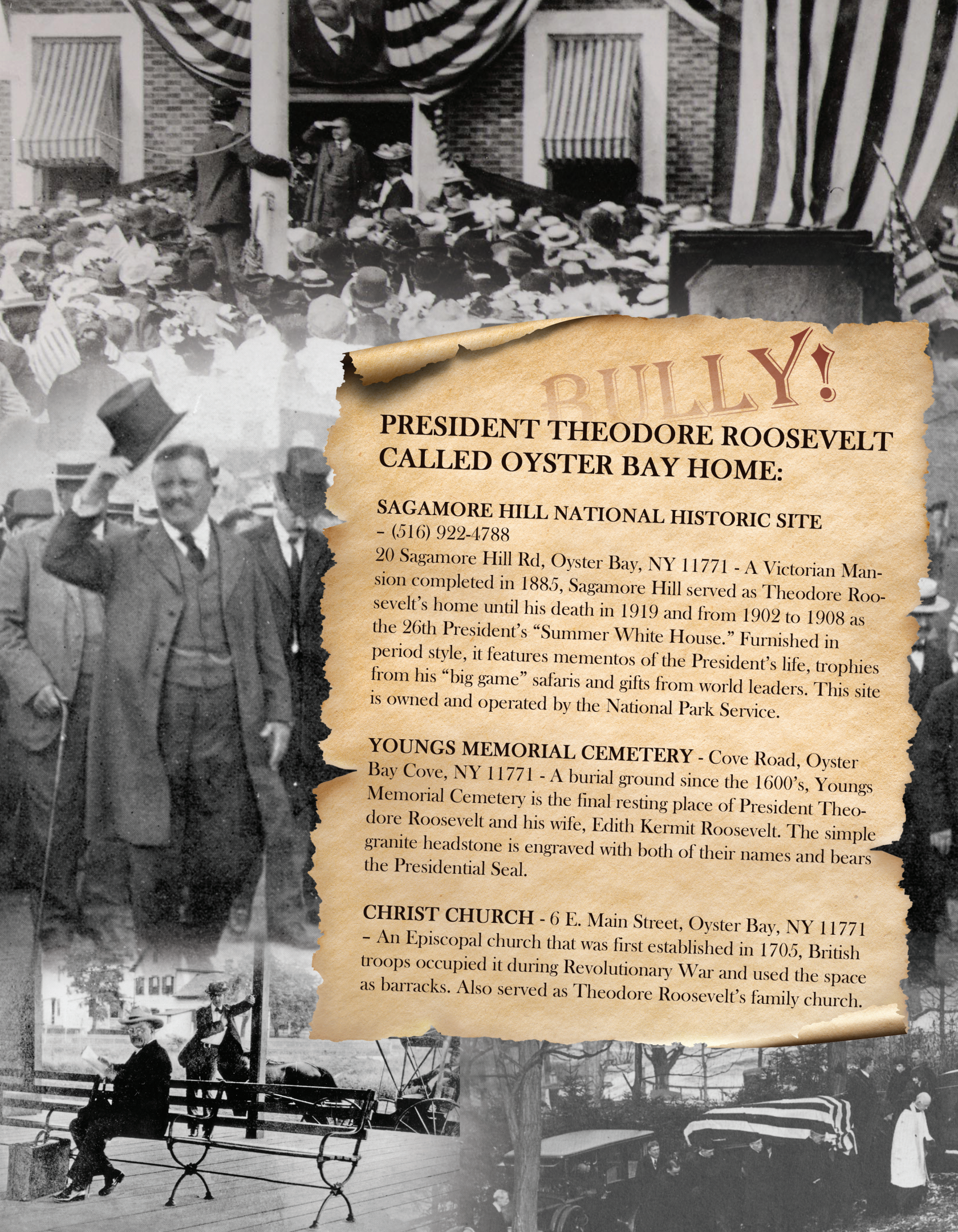
**RAYNHAM HALL MUSEUM** - (516) 922-6808 - 20 West Main Street, Oyster Bay, NY 11771 - A 20-room house museum that transports you back into the life and times of the Townsends, one of the founding families of the Town of Oyster Bay, Raynham Hall was used as British headquarters during the American Revolution. The museum, which is owned by the Town of Oyster Bay and operated by the Friends of Raynham Hall, features period furnishings and special exhibits. Raynham Hall was the home of Robert Townsend, who served as head of George Washington's Culper Spy Ring during the Revolutionary War. The first documented Valentine was also given by British soldier Lt. Col John Simcoe to Sally Townsend.

**FORT HILL BURIAL GROUND** - Simcoe Street, Oyster Bay, NY 11771 - Colonial cemetery in historic Oyster Bay Hamlet, this plot contains the burial grounds of numerous important figures from colonial times and the Revolutionary War. Earliest grave dates to 1668, belonging to John Townsend, a local wealthy merchant. Robert Townsend, who operated under the code name "Culper Junior" in General Washington's spy ring, is also buried here. He was instrumental in uncovering the Benedict Arnold plot to surrender West Point to the British Army.

**TOWN RESIDENT IN HISTORY** - "David Carll" (pictured top right), resident of Oyster Bay, understood his responsibility to ensure freedom of all and was one of the first African Americans that enlisted into the Civil War. David returned home and established residency which is now named 'Carll Hill', where five generations have been raised. Learn more about these inspiring stories by visiting [www.OysterBayTown.com/History](http://www.OysterBayTown.com/History)







# BULLY!

## **PRESIDENT THEODORE ROOSEVELT CALLED OYSTER BAY HOME:**

**SAGAMORE HILL NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE**  
- (516) 922-4788

20 Sagamore Hill Rd, Oyster Bay, NY 11771 - A Victorian Mansion completed in 1885, Sagamore Hill served as Theodore Roosevelt's home until his death in 1919 and from 1902 to 1908 as the 26th President's "Summer White House." Furnished in period style, it features mementos of the President's life, trophies from his "big game" safaris and gifts from world leaders. This site is owned and operated by the National Park Service.

**YOUNGS MEMORIAL CEMETERY** - Cove Road, Oyster Bay Cove, NY 11771 - A burial ground since the 1600's, Youngs Memorial Cemetery is the final resting place of President Theodore Roosevelt and his wife, Edith Kermit Roosevelt. The simple granite headstone is engraved with both of their names and bears the Presidential Seal.

**CHRIST CHURCH** - 6 E. Main Street, Oyster Bay, NY 11771  
- An Episcopal church that was first established in 1705, British troops occupied it during Revolutionary War and used the space as barracks. Also served as Theodore Roosevelt's family church.





## THE 19<sup>th</sup> CENTURY COMES ALIVE:

**THE CHRISTEEN** - Theodore Roosevelt Beach and Park, Oyster Bay, NY 11771 - Originally built in 1883 in Glenwood Landing for harvesting oysters in Oyster Bay and Cold Spring Harbor, over her 125 years the Christeen survived 16 major hurricanes, numerous nor'easters, two sinkings, and severe neglect to be fully restored by master shipwrights from the Christeen Oyster Sloop Restoration Foundation. Upon her completion and relaunch in 1999, the Christeen was gifted to the Waterfront Center where she now serves as a floating classroom educating passengers about maritime history, marine science, coastal ecology, the oyster industry, and aquaculture.

**OLD BETHPAGE VILLAGE RESTORATION** - (516) 571-8400 - Round Swamp Road, Old Bethpage, NY 11804 - This authentically re-created mid-19th century village, maintained by Nassau County, features 51 historic buildings moved to the site here from various parts of Long Island and a number of re-constructions, all nestled on 209 sprawling acres.

**OLD GRACE CHURCH** - (516) 799-2023 - 4755 Merrick Road, Massapequa, NY 11758 - Built in 1844, Old Grace Church is the oldest church in Massapequa. Operated by the Historical Society of the Massapequas and open by appointment, it is situated on part of what once was the estate of Massapequa's founding family, the Joneses - for whom Jones Beach is named after. Also on the grounds are the Delancey-Floyd Jones Free Library.





# LOCAL MUSEUMS:



**BAYVILLE HISTORICAL MUSEUM** - (516)-628-1720 - 34 School St, Bayville, NY 1170 - The museum is housed, in part, in the only remaining building complex that was part of the Harrison Williams 88-acre estate named "Oak Point," which was visited by King Edward VIII. It features several rooms of permanent exhibits depicting Bayville's history.



**EARLE-WIGHTMAN HOUSE** - (516) 922-5032 - 20 Summit Street, Oyster Bay, NY 11771 - Named for two Baptist ministers who made their home here in the early 19th century, the Earle-Wightman House is a circa 1720 building restored and maintained by the Town of Oyster Bay and operated by the Oyster Bay Historical Society as its headquarters, research library with an extensive genealogy collection and museum with period exhibition rooms.





**HICKSVILLE GREGORY MUSEUM** - (516) 822-7505 - 1 Heitz Place, Hicksville, NY 11801 - Located in an 1895 former courthouse, the museum is on the National Register of Historic Places. It holds Long Island's largest rock and mineral collection, more than 5,000 butterfly and moth specimens, and shell and fossil collections.



**OYSTER BAY RAILROAD MUSEUM** - (516) 558-7036 - 102 Audrey Avenue, Oyster Bay, NY 11771 - The museum is dedicated to preserving the rich legacy of Long Island's railroad history. The preview center features railroad memorabilia, interactive displays, renderings of future plans, and a museum store. The display yard features full-size railroad rolling stock and equipment.



**SEA CLIFF VILLAGE MUSEUM** - (516) 801-3401 - 95 10th Ave, Sea Cliff, NY 11579 - Housed in a former Methodist parsonage, the museum focuses on the history and culture of Sea Cliff.



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**Supervisor Saladino and the Town Board  
are committed to preserving our History...**



Supervisor Saladino, Councilwoman Walsh, Town Clerk LaMarca and Receiver of Taxes Pravato launch historic oyster vessel "Ida May" replica into North Shore waters.



Supervisor Saladino and the Town Board celebrating the life and legacy of George "Buddy" Tate - a Massapequa resident and renowned saxophonist who ushered in the modern jazz era.



Supervisor Saladino and Councilwoman Walsh remembering the Anniversary of President Theodore Roosevelt's passing.