

"We want to be able to have our nonunion workers have the same advantages as union workers," trustee Lori Devlin said.

— DEON J. HAMPTON

NASSAU COUNTY

Forums planned on housing, community

Nassau County Legis. Siela Bynoe (D-Westbury), in partnership with the Nassau County Office of Housing & Community Development, will host three seminars focused on housing finances and community development.

The first seminar will be held from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on Wednesday at the Yes We Can Community Center, 141 Garden St. in Westbury.

The second seminar will be held from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on June 12 at the Jackson Memorial AME Zion, 60 Peninsula Blvd. in Hempstead Village.

The last seminar will be held on June 18 from 6:30 to 8 p.m., at the Lakeview Public Library, 1120 Woodfield Rd. in Rockville Centre.

Bynoe will be joined by John Sarcone, who is director of Nassau County's Office of Housing and Community Development. For more information, call Bynoe's district office at 516-571-6202.

— AISHA AL-MUSLIM

MELVILLE

Senior community plans housing lottery

The Club at Melville, a 261-unit income-restricted senior community on Deshon Drive, is accepting applications for a lottery for the units.

Instructions and applications for the 55-and-older community are on the Town of Huntington website (www.huntington-ny.gov) and the Club at Melville website (theclubatmelville.net). Applications must be post-marked no later than July 10.

"This gives us a chance to provide beautiful luxurious housing in an affordable capacity," said Jane Gol, president of Continental Ventures, which is working in partnership with Pinewood Development on the project.

"This gives people an opportunity to stay in their community when their children are grown up and out of the house . . . but you certainly want to be near your family. This is a great opportunity to do that."

The lottery will be held July 17 at 9:30 a.m. at the Cinema Arts Centre, 423 Park Ave.

Everyone 55 and over is eligible to enter, although there are income restrictions. Huntington residents as well as their family members, including parents, children, grandchildren or grandparents will have priority, Gol said.

The site of the development is a former Newsday preprint distribution warehouse.

The project emerged from a complex three-way deal that allows construction of the affordable senior units, a park and a house of worship on two separate sites in Melville.

"Looking at the need that they have in Huntington, this is a great location and it's a very cooperative rezoning with the town so it's a win-win for the entire community," Gol said.

— DEBORAH S. MORRIS

MERRICK

Boating safety workshop Monday

Legis. Dave Denenberg (D-Merrick) and the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary will present a workshop on boating safety on Monday.

The workshop will be at 7:30 p.m. at the Seaford Public Library, on 2234 Jackson Ave. in Seaford.

The guest speaker will be Capt. Dawn Masterson, a member of the Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 1-4. Topics will include general boating safety, boating under the influence initiatives, personal watercraft safety and an overview of vessel operating requirements. A question and answer period will follow. For more information, contact Denenberg's office at 516-571-6219.

— AISHA AL-MUSLIM



Glen Cove's Eva Casale, 49, stretches at Morgan Park on Sunday while training to run marathons on Long Island.

SMITHTOWN

Run/walk tomorrow to benefit state park

The Nissequogue River State Park Foundation plans to host a run tomorrow to benefit the park.

About 500 people are expected to take part in the 6th annual 5K Sunset Run/Walk For The Park, the foundation's chairman John McQuaid said.

The nonprofit foundation organizes the race to support its goal to beautify the park and preserve its historical and environmental assets. All proceeds from the race will be used for park improvements, said McQuaid. Last year, more than \$8,000 was raised, he said.

The 5K race will begin at 5:30 p.m. near the Nissequogue River State Park Administration building.

"It's a remarkable course through woodlands and remnants of the old Kings Park Psychiatric Center which was transferred to the New York State Parks Department in 2008," McQuaid said.

Children will also be able to take part in the 1K Fun Run for Kids beginning at 5 p.m., which includes hot dogs, drinks and kid-friendly performers.

Traffic will be rerouted off St. Johnland Road between Old Dock Road and Squire Lane briefly while the race is in progress, McQuaid said.

Walk-in registrations will be accepted beginning at 3 p.m. The cost is \$25 for the 5K race, and \$10 for the 1K. For more information, call 516-437-4000 or visit www.ourst-atepark.com.

— LAUREN R. HARRISON

GLEN COVE

Local runner gets in shape for marathons

FROM THE BLOG Glen Cove resident Eva Casale set out from

Morgan Park in her hometown Sunday morning for a 20-mile training run, one of three that she would log during the Memorial Day weekend.

Lately, the ultramarathoner has been averaging between 75 and 90 miles each week as she prepares to run a marathon on July 7, another on July 8, and five more in the following five days, all on Long Island. In that one week, she expects to log a total of 183.4 miles and to take plenty of ice baths.

"This is a new journey for me," said Casale, 49, who has been running for more than 30 years.

To date, she's completed 51 full marathons and 32 ultramarathons — ranging from 31 to 126.2 miles — but she's never attempted seven marathons in the same week.

"I'm a little nervous about this one," she added.

Casale is undertaking the challenge for the sake of finding a cure for blood cancers. She's a coach, volunteer and participant with Team in Training, a group that raises money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society while partaking in endurance sports events. She joined the team in 2007.

Casale is raising money by inviting people to run with her. For a suggested donation of \$100 or \$250 for a team of five, individuals can run part of the marathons with her.

The 26.2-mile courses will be in Hauppauge, Sayville, Farmingdale, Babylon, Long Beach, Massapequa and Glen Cove. She'll start about 2 p.m. on the weekdays and 8 a.m. for the weekend races. Those wishing to join her for the last seven miles will be given instructions to meet her at the Mile 19 marker. For the July 12 race, there's also an option to run a half marathon.

— TARA CONRY

BAITING HOLLOW

Teen debuts dress at high school prom

FROM THE BLOG Veronica Marrinan and her date, Max

Crean, glided across the dance floor at Giorgio's in

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What I cover

I cover government and community issues in the Town of Smithtown, as well as in the villages of The Branch, Nissequogue and Head of the Harbor. I'm on the hunt for one-of-a-kind stories that showcase the heartbeat of a community — whether that be a person, place or event. I attend government, school board and civic association meetings, so feel free to introduce yourself. Story tips are always welcome.

Coming up

I plan to attend the Smithtown Town Board work session on Tuesday.

Find community stories at newsday.com/smithtown

Baiting Hollow Wednesday night, laughing, smiling and playfully making fun of each other's moves.

It was a proud night for Marrinan, because her dress didn't come from a fancy boutique.

She spent almost the entire school year making it herself before debuting it to 140 students at the Bishop McGann-Mercy High School prom.

"I had been working on it since October, and this was the first time my boyfriend got to see it," said Marrinan, 17, of Ridge. "It has personality, but it's still conservative like I am."

The champagne-colored, flowing gown was such a labor of love for Marrinan that she put the finishing touches on it the night before the prom.

"The only way I could make a dress like this and not spend a ton was to make it myself," said Marrinan, who plans to study fashion design at Manhattan's Fashion Institute of Technology in the fall.

"Someday, I want to design evening wear that the everyday girl can afford."

— BRITTANY WAIT