

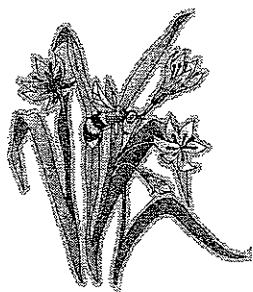
Lloyd Harbor Village Record



ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS

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Contributing articles are invited from residents on:

- Upcoming Activities
- Outstanding Achievements
- Harbor History
- Conservation
- Recreation

Please submit articles for review by the last Wednesday of the month to:

Village Hall
32 Middle Hollow Road
Huntington, NY 11743

Fax: 631-549-8879

Appointment of Trustee:

William Burdo appointed to Village Board of Trustees (see inside)

Camp Employment:

Very limited number of gate guard positions available. Contact Park Director Jim Barton at 516-501-6950 or by email at jbartonlhvp@aol.com.

Camp Spaces Available:

The Recreation Commission reminds residents that there are a limited number of spaces available for children entering Kindergarten & 1st grades during all Camp sessions June 30th – August 22nd. Contact Park Director Jim Barton at 516-501-6950 or by email at jbartonlhvp@aol.com.

C.I.T. Program:

See insert for information on the counselor-in-training program sponsored by the Recreation Commission.

POSITIONS AVAILABLE:

PLANNING BOARD – An alternate member position is available. The Planning Board meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month. Current projects include updating of the Village's Master Plan. Additionally, the Planning Board handles all applications for sub-division and special use permits.

Send letter of interest/ resume to Eileen Schulz, Village Clerk.

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS (BZA) – An alternate member position is available. The BZA hears all requests for variances to the Village Zoning Code. Site visits included. BZA meets the 4th Wednesday of the month.

Send letter of interest/ resume to Eileen Schulz, Village Clerk.

VILLAGE CLERK'S OFFICE – Opening for a part-time clerk. Letter of interest/ resume should be sent to Eileen Schulz, Village Clerk.

Response to any of the above- advertised positions should be sent to:

Eileen Schulz, Village Clerk
Village of Lloyd Harbor
32 Middle Hollow Road
Huntington, NY 11743

ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS CONTINUED

Donation of Trees to Village Park:

The Mayor, Trustees & Recreation Commission thank Paula Rice, of the Conservation Board, for her efforts in arranging the very generous donation from Paul's Nursery (841 Pulaski Road, Greenlawn), of 10 trees to the Village Park. Trees include 8 Sweet Gum & 2 Salix Caprea, commonly known as European Pussy Willow. Both types of trees are hardy and beautifully suited to our location. Donation of these trees will help assure the beauty of our Village Park for years to come, to the benefit of all residents. We are extremely grateful to Paula Rice for her continued efforts on behalf of our Village Park, and to Paul's Nursery for their repeated & very generous donations.

SAVE THE DATE!

What: Archaeology at Joseph Lloyd Manor
Date: May 29, 2008 at 7:30 pm
Where: Cold Spring Harbor Library

Professors Chris Matthews & Jenna Coplin of Hofstra University will share their research & show how excavations at the *Joseph Lloyd Manor House*, located on Lloyd Neck, access information about the past in a unique way. A rare slave quarter is the focus of the ongoing work, involving not only the history & legacy of slavery on Long Island but also the role of the local community in research. The presentation discusses archaeological findings to date as well as the 2008 summer program.

Lloyd Manor was home to *Jupiter Hammon*, one of the first published African Americans. Archaeology provides an opportunity to compare the words of Jupiter Hammon with the evidence left behind by others laboring at the site during the time of slavery. This interdisciplinary study offers unique insight on the diversity of experiences & perspectives within the enslaved community.

Joseph Lloyd Manor is owned by the **Society for the Preservation of Long Island Antiquities (SPLIA)**. The house was constructed in 1767, restored by SPLIA, & is open to the public. Professors Coplin & Matthews are co-founders of the *Center for Public Archaeology* & members of the Anthropology faculty at *Hofstra University* (anthlab@hofstra.edu or 516- 463-7625for more info.)

APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEE

William Burdo appointed Village Trustee

Bill Burdo has been appointed to the Board of Trustees by Mayor Lee Hairr. He fills the position vacated by long-time Trustee Chris Seniuk.

Bill and his wife, Christine, were familiar with the area long before they moved to the Village six years ago. "Christine was an equestrienne" Bill notes. "I used to accompany her to Caumsett before we were married and bike while she rode. We absolutely loved the beauty of the Village."

The realization that diligent effort is needed to preserve the character and natural beauty of an area such as ours led Bill to volunteer to serve on the Planning Board when an opening came up a couple of years ago. The Planning Board has been working on the updating of the Village's Master Plan during much of this time. Bill has gotten a first hand look at the amount of time, effort and plain hard work it takes to review and update a plan that was last revised in the 1970's and how important thoughtful, long-term planning is for the future of our Village.

Bill is a native Long Islander, having grown up in Hicksville. He is a founding partner of the law firm of Duffy, Duffy and Burdo in Farmingdale, NY, which he and his partners founded in 2000. In addition to his volunteer efforts on behalf of the Village, he is an active fisherman and boater. He and Christine are the parents of four sons, two at Lloyd Harbor School, one at Goosehill, and one in nursery school. **On behalf of Village residents, the Mayor and Trustees welcome Bill Burdo to the Village Board.**

History Highlights

CAUMSETT, Part II—THE ESTATE YEARS

By Walter D. Kolos, Village Historian

When *Caumsett* was finally completed in 1927, it was considered a masterpiece of both architectural innovation and landscape engineering. John Russell Pope's buildings were finished and operational. Pope's Georgian structures, noted for their perfect symmetry, were technologically advanced by the standards of the day. Established structures included the indoor tennis courts, polo stables, "Winter Cottage," bath house, greenhouses and the "farm group," where the famous "Caumsett Guernseys" would soon take up residence. Staff cottages and the seemingly endless out-buildings were in place, as well.

*Caumsett Part II continued***Olmstead Brothers' Design**

The Olmstead Brothers' landscape design was carefully interpreted and implemented by George Gillies, who was hired by Marshall Field in 1921, and would stay with Mrs. Field until 1966. Full sized trees were barged in, and expertly planted by Henry Hicks of Westbury. Mature shrubs were planted, giving the place the look of a well established manor.

Marshall Field's first wife, Evelyn, took an immense interest in the establishment of the property. She found early spring at Lloyd Neck somewhat dreary, and got the idea to brighten up the place with daffodils. 250,000 narcissi bulbs were planted around the estate, mostly in the formal areas-the entrance area, "Daffodil Hill," the main drives and the tennis court area. The progeny of these original Dutch bulbs have continued to multiply and flourish in the rich loam.

A Country Place

Caumsett served as a country home for the Fields. Not far from New York, it was an easy trip and quick getaway to the country. And Long Island, before the Second World War, certainly was the country. The Fields spent their summers in Dark Harbor, Maine. According to interviews with former staff, the family really did not spend much time at the estate. However, the place was always at full operation, employing both full and part time workers.

Running *Caumsett* was a tremendous task. It took the work of many men and women to run the estate. The furnaces and cook stoves were coal fired, requiring endless deliveries of coal, and strong backed men to tend the furnaces. Early on, all the buildings had ice-boxes. Ice was made at the dairy complex and the Main House. The discharge of melted ice from the Main House kitchens was so great, that a decorative "babbling brook," with rock water falls and flowered embankments was constructed. Flowing from the kitchen wing - at the northeast of the Main House - this "ice-box brook" flowed copiously during the warm months.

Elegant Outbuildings

Perhaps one of the most spectacular features of the estate was the Master's Bath House. This attractive cedar shingled house, with grand porches, sat at the east end of Roosevelt Cove on the Long Island Sound side. Behind it was the famous salt water swimming pool and outdoor tennis courts. The bath house, replete with baths, changing rooms, a living room and a fully outfitted kitchen, was one of the hidden delights of *Caumsett*. For years, it was run by Beatrice Crush, who zealously oversaw its management.

The indoor tennis courts were also legendary. This multi-storied indoor arena with its bright green copper roof

stood to the southeast of the Main House. Marshall Field's granddaughter, Barbara, recalls sitting in chintz chairs in the viewing gallery, listening to the endless "plop-plop" of tennis balls. As she sat there, the resident staff served sandwiches, pastries and drinks.

The Sporting Life

Caumsett was always known for its sporting events, and had the facilities for every sport but golf. Polo, equestrian events, fox hunts, pheasant shoots, beagling and boating were part of the sporting activities that typified the estate era on Long Island. Until recently, hunting blinds could still be found on the grounds.

The War Years

During World War II, sections of *Caumsett* were used by the Office of War Information. The Main House and garages were rented to the United States government for \$1 per year. Field's yacht, "Corisande II" was also leased to the government for war use. During the period of 1942-1946, the government occupied much of the estate. It was a quiet time at *Caumsett*, as so many staff and workers had gone off to fight.

Caumsett was irrevocably changed after the war, as were most of the grand estates. The "estate era" on Long Island's North Shore was coming to a close. Returning GIs were not going back to work on the estates which had employed them through the depression years. *Caumsett* had thrived during those lean years, as there was such desperate need for employment. As well, technology developed during the war years lessened the need for manpower.

Taxation

After the war, taxation began to eat away at estates such as *Caumsett*. In 1950, the Fields decided that the Main House was too big and "unfriendly," and decided to tear down the west wing, and the huge staff wing to the east. This tax saving decision would unfortunately truncate John Russell Pope's masterpiece. Property sales and other money saving devices were employed to keep ahead of the ever-increasing expenses of estate operation.

A Brief & Shining Moment

Marshall Field died in the fall of 1956, only 29 years after the completion of *Caumsett*. His widow, Ruth Pruyn Field, would keep the place intact until 1961, when it was sold to New York State. She retained some property and buildings until February of 1966, when she left for good.

The legacy of *Caumsett* as a private home is phenomenal. It is so often thought of as a great estate of significant longevity, but in reality its duration was very brief. *Caumsett* was so extensive, so complete, so self-sufficient, yet so short-lived. However, its mark on our Village's history and heritage is priceless, and a source of pride.



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Some Thoughts on Native Flora

Selected excerpts from a letter by **Barbara Roux**

For over a year I have been watching and keeping records, for my own interest, of the way native trees and understory have disappeared in our Village. Rain has pooled, causing ponds to form on certain properties where only grass had been planted to take the place of native understory shrubs like maple leaf viburnum that had been removed. In other cases, trees and brambles have been removed, and a row of tightly packed non-local evergreens has been planted with little room allowed for them to grow and mature in a healthy way.

I find this kind of land alteration upsetting, as the result is a negative effect on our natural environment and the look of our community. Further... altering a parcel's natural integrity with inappropriate trees, sidewalks and paved driveways can affect and harm native areas. Some people disagree with me. They even dislike many native trees and shrubs and even think of them as weeds. Yet these are the plants that survive here and are indigenous to our habitat.

Recently I spoke with our Village Arborist, Mike Rosicki, about the issue of re-planting and maintenance of native flora. I feel our residents need to assume some responsibility for the maintenance or integrity of valuable existing native plants on their properties. I feel that, besides our existing "tree ordinances", we need guidance and education on what is planted and how to care for what exists. So often landscapers are hired who do little more than use noisy, polluting back-pack leaf blowers to groom lawns every week. A resident may see that his property has been overcome by invasive vines from years of neglect. The area is then cleared and the strangled trees are taken away with the offending vines. It is essential that people become educated as to what is native flora, what makes a good, hearty and natural border between properties. These are the plants that survive here and are hallmarks of our habitat...absent this knowledge, alterations will continue to occur to our landscapes that will change the face of our Village, and not for the better.

Police Department News



• Officer Domenick Baffa joins LHPD

Domenick Baffa is a native of Massapequa, Long Island. He comes to the LHPD pursuant to enlistment in the US Marine Corps, where he served in Afghanistan, Iraq, and Okinawa, Japan, and finished his enlistment with the 2nd Force Reconnaissance Battalion. Baffa was chosen from among the top candidates of the Suffolk County Police Department Civil Service list. He graduates in May 2008 from the Nassau County Police Academy. **On behalf of the Village, Chief Flynn and the officers of the LHPD welcome Officer Domenick Baffa.**

• Congratulations & Many Thanks

Chief Flynn announces that commendation is in order to Officers Christopher Grimm & Carl Kieninger of the LHPD. These officers responded to an emergency on March 24, 2008, in which an individual had ceased breathing and had no pulse. CPR was immediately initiated, and the automatic external defibrillator attached. Officers administered seven separate shocks while continuing CPR. The individual's vital signs returned, and transport was made to Huntington Hospital for continued care. The individual has returned home, alive and well. **On behalf of Village residents, the Mayor & Trustees extend sincere gratitude, profound thanks, and congratulations on the excellent handling of this emergency to Officers Chris Grimm & Carl Kieninger!**

Counselor-in-Training Program For 15 & 16 Year Olds

The Recreation Commission is sponsoring
“Counselor-in-Training” (C.I.T.) program this summer
A limited number of spaces are available.

ELIGIBILITY: Children residing in the Village who are ages
15 (by December 1, 2007) and 16.

DURATION OF PROGRAM: The C.I.T program runs 2
weeks. The weeks need not
be consecutive.

TO APPLY: Applications forms are available at Village Hall.
Completed forms must be returned to Village
Hall by June 6, 2007. You will be contacted for an
interview.

PLEASE NOT: These are not paid positions. A registration
fee of \$20 will be charged. A C.I.T. certificate
will be awarded to completion of the program.