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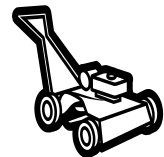
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Great River Gazette

A QUARTERLY JOURNAL FROM THE GREAT RIVER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Welcome to our FIRST Edition!

TOWN MEETING!
JULY 16TH 7PM

@GREAT RIVER FIRE HOUSE

Neighbors,

We will be hosting a Town Meeting on July 16th at 7PM at the Great River Fire House.

Representative from the Suffolk County Legislator, Town of Islip, El Schools Superintendent and Suffolk County Police will be speaking about recent events and the increasing drug issues in our area.

Suffolk County Police COPE Officers from the Third Precinct will be here to discuss recent events in Great River and East Islip. They will also discuss the rising drug and gang related issues as well as areas where drug activity is taking place locally. They will also advise on Neighborhood Watch programs, the Heroin Task Force, and how to contact them. El Schools will discuss changes in the upcoming school year to keep school campus' drug free. Legislator Cilmi will advise on proposed legislation as well as cameras in the school zones.

Great River by the NUMBERS

Total population	1,489
Male population	764
Female population	725
Median age (years)	45.5
Median age (Male)	44.4
Median age (Female)	46.2
Total households	503
Family households (families)	403
Average household size	2.96
Average family size	3.36
Total housing units	517
Current homes for sale	14
Current homes in contract	2
Average price sold in last 60 days	\$685,000

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JULY	16	7 PM	Great River Town Meeting	Great River Fire House	
	16	7:30 PM	Healing Eucharist	Emmanuel Church	
	17	7 PM	Shawl Ministry	Emmanuel Church	
	17	6 PM	Psychic Medium Josephine Ghiringhelli-dinner and reading	George Martin's Strip Steak	
	17-19		Christmas in July Gift Certificate Sale	George Martin's Strip Steak	
	18	7 PM	New Beginnings Bereavement Group	Emmanuel Church	
	20	2 PM	Summer Concert Janine DiNatalie	Bayard Cutting Arboretum	
	27	2 PM	Summer Concert Jan Wickline	Bayard Cutting Arboretum	
	AUGUST	3	11 AM	Great River Community Association 6th Annual Kayak and BBQ	Great River Park River Rd x Great River Rd
3		2 PM	Summer Concert Jan Wickline	Bayard Cutting Arboretum	
7		9:30 PM	Burlesque Show	George Martin's Strip Steak	
8		7 PM	New Life Widow/Widowers Group	Emmanuel Church	
10		2 PM	Summer Concert Homegrown String Band	Bayard Cutting Arboretum	
14		6:30 PM	Murder Mystery Dinner and Show	George Martin's Strip Steak	
15		7 PM	New Beginnings Bereavement Group	Emmanuel Church	
17		2 PM	Summer Concert Ahmad Ali	Bayard Cutting Arboretum	
20		7:30 PM	Healing Eucharist	Emmanuel Church	
24		2 PM	Summer Concert Easy Street	Bayard Cutting Arboretum	
31		10AM -3PM	Sand Creation Contest Sand Creation Contest	Sailors Haven Watch Hill	
SEPTEMBER		12	7 PM	New Life Widow/Widowers Group	Emmanuel Church
		14	9 AM	Sunday School Starts	Emmanuel Church
		17	7:30 PM	Healing Eucharist	Emmanuel Church
		19	7 PM	New Beginnings Bereavement Group	Emmanuel Church
	20	10AM - 5PM	Town of Islip Civil War Encampment	Islip Grange, Sayville	
	28	2 PM	Blessing of the Pets	Emmanuel Church	
	OCTOBER	4	9AM-2PM	GRCA Yard Sale	Great River Fire House
		26	2PM	GRCA Halloween Parade and Party	Great River Fire House
DECEMBER	7	6PM	GRCA Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony	Memorial Park Great River Road	

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Your questions to the GRCA.....

	Community Feedback	Update
Community Roads	Repave River Road	Town has committed to repave River Road before fall
	Pothole repair	Town has repaired all reported potholes
	Get the Town of Islip to put a drain on the SW corner of Woodhollow and Peters Blvd	Town is sending team to review this request
	Fix the road at the light on Montauk Highway	NYS DOT will review the roadway at GRR and Montauk Highway
	Demand the Town clean up the whole strip of land bordering the parkway on Woodhollow Road. Sometimes they clean up part of it but not the whole strip.	NYS DOT will review the roadway at Woodhollow with the Great River Community Association
	Extend the drain in the street in front of the deli	Town is sending team to review this request
	Stop sign on the corner of RR and GRR – four way stop	Town will review the request
	Enforce speed limit and remove stop sign on all the corners.	Your sediment has been shared with the Town
	A turning light on Great River Road	NYS DOT will review the request
	Do NOT ask Town of Islip to put in any more STOP signs and turn us into a mini-Queens	Your sediment has been shared with the Town
	Speed bump on corner of GRR and Woodhollow Road	Speed bumps are not legal on major roadways
General	Pest Control	Town has inspected sump areas and is providing resolution where needed
	Discourage leaving basketball hoops in street	There are no ordinances unless there is a sight obstruction. In those cases, you call Public Safety at the Town.
	Discourage parking in street	There are no ordinances unless there is a signs posted.
	No mowing of lawns before 8:00 AM	Town noise ordinance states Mon-Sat 7AM – 8PM. Sunday 10AM-5PM.
	Keep boat ramp open earlier and later for local residents	Town needs to be consistent with times for all boat and marina areas. It was suggested to use Bayshore Town Dock at an alternative.
	Can we have after hours access to the Post Office?	Postmaster Jean Fuentes will bring this ask back to her district
	Can you stop the dog feces being left on sidewalks, street, and yards	We ask pet owners to please be conscious of others and curb your pets.
	Incorporate Security Camera's at both entrance points	GRCA is working with the SCPD COPE team to enhance neighborhood awareness. We are also working to provide residents with car stickers.
	Can we have an egg hunt in the Spring?	We LOVE this idea!
	Thank you for all you do!	We had so many notes from you! Thank you members of the Great River Association! Your membership dollars help us to accomplish our mission.

Great River Community Association News

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dear Neighbors,

I am excited to present our first edition of our reformed community newsletter!

The Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony always reminds me of Mayberry RFD. Who else lives like us? We have logistical advantages that few can imagine. I was speaking with a friend and trying to describe bike riding to Heckscher Park or the Bayard Cutting Arboretum, and boating to Fire Island..... My friend was in disbelief that anyone would have so much opportunity available to them! I hope you join us on Saturday mornings for BIKE 'ROUND THE BEACH.

I love this hamlet of ours as we have such a sweetness to our community. It is sad that we now must have a town meeting to speak to the dangerous topics of guns and drugs as part of real issues we and our neighbors in East Islip and Islip Terrace are challenged with. The Great River Community Association Board is bringing Suffolk County Police COPE to meeting on July 16th at 7pm at the Fire House. The board is also thinking about car stickers. Let us know your thoughts at the town meeting.

In other board news, we will have a new look to the entry points of Great River! Longtime resident, John Benedetto of Supercapes will donate his expertise and services to keep us looking *Great!* We continue to work with the Idle Hour Community Association with their Grand Canal Project which will improve the tidal flow of the River and reduce nitrogen levels. Priorities are to continue Town-scaping and improve the Great River Road entry point as well as the entry point at River Road. We are working with the Arboretum and Town to create a master plan that will be sustainable and provide us with beautiful views.

We are thankful to Legislator Cilmi, Islip Town Council and Commissioner Owens for their continued support of our requests in support of you.

Best,
Donna Boeri
President, GRCA

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Great River Fire Department Inaugural Golf Outing held June 19th is huge success.



The Great River Fire Department in concert with the Fire District and the Board of Fire Commissioners held its first golf outing Thursday June 19th at the Timber Point Golf Course raising over \$19000.00 in preparations of the 100th Centennial Anniversary of the Fire Department in Great River in the summer of 2016.

The Golf Outing fund raiser was a joint effort between The Board of Fire Commissioners, Chiefs, Department Members, and the Ladies Auxiliary.

With over 130 Golfers and 160 for dinner under the tents back at the Fire Department a great time was had by all.

The purpose is to help finance the planning for the 100th Anniversary of the Fire Department in 2016 and as we all know that the District is limited to what types of events District funds can be used for and our Fire Department has limited funds and clearly not enough to provide for a spectacular celebration that all of the Great River Residents will enjoy.

The Tournament held at Timber Point Golf Course with its various golf related contests and the dinner with music, great food, beverages and raffles was very unique as it was done as a very home town community minded event that all could come and support, golfers and those who don't golf, just ask anyone who attended, a great time was had by all.

PGA Professional Andy Carracino of Timber Point Officiated and Scored the Tournament Play.

Many Members and Commissioners and residents played in the tournament, while many who don't play provided on course support as well as provided preparation for the evening's festivities back at the Fire House. From the beginning it was a real "shotgun" start with Assistant Chief Bill Vogel firing five shotgun shots to signify the beginning of play with our 1928 Maximum Antique Fire Truck in the background, The Ladies Auxiliary helped with the check in process and set up the raffle and special contests.

Commissioners Llobell, Gibbons and Ursprung organized the check in and the on course events, Chiefs DiGiovanna, Vogel and Llobell III took care of getting all of the setup done and in place days in advance, while Commissioner Leibbrandt oversaw the setup of the Antique Maximum and managed the donations and the photos at the truck display.

Behind the scenes were the members and Ladies Aux making sure that everything was just perfect for our guests thought the day.

A highlight of the evening was when our new Great River resident John King was presented with a helmet and the designation of "Honorary Chief" for his time and expertise as our consultant and his support for the dinner under the tents at the Firehouse that evening.

"We would like to thank all of our residents, members, friends, neighboring Fire Departments and local businesses who supported the outing with either golf foursomes, sponsorships or contributions or those who attended the great steak and seafood dinner back at the fire house said Paul Llobell, Chairman of the Board of Fire Commissioners".

"The membership in the Department is very thankful that so many in our community chose to support the tournament and support our members who give so much of their time protecting our community" said Chief James DiGiovanna.

The date for next year has been set for Thursday June 18, 2015 and we are sure to sell it out early.

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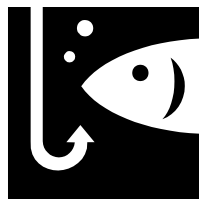


BEACHES and BOATING

The opening of the Timber Point West Marina was recently dredged. Sailors Haven and Watch Hill are scheduled for October.

Fire Island Beaches are just beautiful this year despite the turbulent winter!

Caught in the Long Island Fisherman: Jamie Pizer caught a 24" weak fish off a boat in the west marina!



Islip Town Rules on Garbage

The town board adopted a resolution on June 10th that states cans must be placed at curbs no earlier than 4pm the day before collection and removed no later than noon the next day. Penalties start at \$50.



~WELCOME BACK SUPERVISOR CROCI~

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Emmanuel Church

Dear Neighbors,

Greetings from Emmanuel Episcopal Church in the heart of Great River. Emmanuel means, "God with us," and our motto is, "God with us, in us, and through us." We try to live out this motto every day. The original building was built in 1862 by Mr. and Mrs. William Nicholl and back then it was called the Youngsport Church. Over the years, we have grown and changed, and are still going strong 152 years later. You may remember Fr. Domenic Cianella who was here for 8 years and is now enjoying a well-deserved retirement in Pennsylvania. I started here in Sept. 2013, and I am so glad the Community Association is starting this newsletter, so I can tell you about all the things we do, and the things that you can do, for the community.

We are a small, family-oriented congregation, and we also have many events that happen in our building, which we invite you to join. These are open to anyone, not just parishioners, so feel free to stop by. Some of the groups we host include, a Shawl Ministry, if you love to knit/crochet, you can make lovely shawls and blankets to give to people who are ill, a Book Group that meets monthly, and Bible Study that meets weekly starting in September. We also host the New Life group for widows and widowers to come for support (meets 2nd Friday of the month at 7pm) and the New Beginnings Bereavement Group for people who have recently lost a loved one (meets 3rd Friday of the month at 7pm). Sunday School starts Sept. 14th, and we will also have Christmas Fair in November.

A new event that we are planning for the community at large is a blessing of the pets in honor of St. Francis. St. Francis is the patron saint of animals, and on Sunday Sept. 28th at 2pm, we invite everyone to bring their pets, all shapes and sizes, to receive a blessing. Pets bring us so much joy, and we should honor them (all pets must be leashed, crated, caged, in a tank, etc).

We also have many outreach opportunities that you can participate in. We have a continuous food pantry in conjunction with God's Provisions, which provides food to local people in need. If you would like to donate unexpired food, please call the office. In July and August we will be collecting school supplies, backpacks, etc. to help local families as the children go back to school. In October and November, we collect new winter hats, mittens, scarfs, and then in December we have an Adopt-a-Family program in conjunction with our Diocese. Please do not leave any donations outside of the building, call first to make sure someone is here, we do not want donations to be stolen or ruined by weather.

Check out our website for the most up to date calendar at emmanuelgreatriver.org. Our office hours are Tuesdays and Fridays 9:00am-12:00pm, but these are subject to change, so if you need anything please call the office at 631-581-3964 or e-mail us at emmanuelgr@verizon.net. Our Sunday services are at 8:00am and 10:00am, and we have a Healing Eucharist the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7:30pm. Swing by and introduce yourself, I would love to meet you, and feel free to explore our lovely grounds and cemetery.

Many Blessings to You and Yours,

The Rev. Lauren T. McLeavey
Priest in Charge
Emmanuel Episcopal Church
320 Great River Rd.
Great River, NY



Grill'n in Great River
.....With recipes from our neighbors

**George Martin's Strip Steak
Summer Corn Chowder**

12 Ears of Sweet corn on the cob
1tsp Olive oil
1 cup Diced Spanish onions
2cups Diced Celery
1cup diced red bell pepper
1cup Diced Green bell pepper
2 Tsp chipotle peppers
3 Quarts Chicken Stock or Vegetable
1 Quart Cream
1cup of Roux (4oz butter 4oz Flour)
2 Bay leaf
Salt & Pepper
Pinch of oregano

Cook corn on grill or roast in oven, Remove Corn from Cob.(use cob in the making of the chicken stock) In a 5 Quart pot add Olive oil and corn sauteed until corn is golden Brown , add Onions, peppers, and celery cook as well. Finely chop Chipotle peppers remove seeds Add the remaining ingredients bring to a slow simmer for 15-20 min until soup thickens

Great South Bay Blue Fish—James Boeri

2 pounds boneless bluefish
32 oz. Pineapple Juice
Salt and Pepper to taste
1 cup panko
¼ cup olive oil
1 teaspoon hot or sweet paprika, or smoked paprika
1 clove garlic, finely chopped
2 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley
1 lemon, cut into 4 wedges (for serving)
3-4 Hours before cooking – soak the bluefish in 32oz of Pineapple Juice



Marinated Tuna Steak with Roasted Corn and Avocado Salsa

Roasted Corn and Avocado Salsa

3 ears fresh corn, roasted
¼ cup chopped red bell pepper
½ cup red onion
2 tablespoons fresh cilantro, chopped
1 jalapeno pepper, seeded and diced
2 tablespoons lime juice
1 ½ tablespoons olive oil
2 avocados, diced

In a large bowl mix all ingredients together, except the avocado. Gently mix in avocado at the end.

Tuna Marinade

¼ cup orange juice
¼ cup soy sauce
3 tablespoons olive oil
1 tablespoon lemon juice
1 tablespoon cilantro, chopped
1 tablespoon parsley chopped
1 clove garlic, chopped
½ tablespoon ground black pepper
½ tablespoon sugar

In a large bowl mix all ingredients together. Place Tuna steaks in marinade cover and refrigerate for a minimum of 30 minutes.

Grill Tuna steaks to your preferred temperature and top with salsa. Enjoy!

Set the oven at 450 degrees. Oil a 9-by-13-inch baking dish.
2. Cut the bluefish into 4 even-size pieces. Set them in the dish, skin side up if you're adding crumb topping to the skin, or skin side down if you're adding topping to the flesh.
3. Sprinkle the fish with oil, salt, and pepper.
4. In a bowl, combine the panko, olive oil, paprika, garlic, salt, and pepper. Stir well. Press the crumb topping onto the skin or flesh of the fish.
5. Bake the fish for 12 to 15 minutes or until the crumbs are golden and the fish is cooked through. If the crumbs are not golden, turn on the broiler and slide the dish under it for 2 minutes, watching it carefully so the crumbs do not burn.
6. Transfer the fish to plates. If you cooked it skin side down, slide a wide spatula between the skin and flesh of the fish, so the skin stays in the pan. Sprinkle the fish with parsley and serve with lemon.

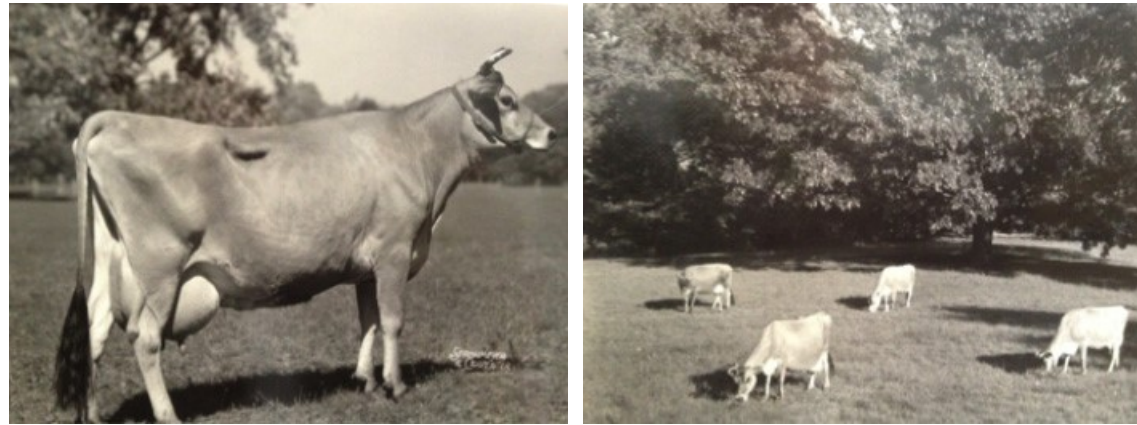
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The Community Sponsored Agriculture Program at Bayard Cutting Arboretum

History

The Bayard Cutting Arboretum farm was established in 2012 on land which overlooks the Connetquot River and is adjacent to an historic barn that was used by the Cutting family for their herd of Jersey milking cows. Later, the meadow was mowed and the barn used for storage until the Arboretum's Director Nelson Sterner decided to devote a portion of the land for growing crops. The land was turned over and prepared for planting in the early spring of 2012. The main room of the barn was cleaned and painted and is now used as the information center and pick up area of the bran. The farm has been a great success and in its third year provides vegetables for 125 families.

Cutting family Jersey milking cows



The land

Almost 13 tillable acres are devoted to the CSA, however, only a small part of the acreage is under cultivation. In 2013, the main field measured 54,000 square feet. The herb bed, strawberry field, and asparagus bed together measure a little over 800 square feet which totaled approximately 62,000 square feet, a little short of an acre and a half under cultivation. The soil was tested prior to planting and amendments, mostly compost and organic multi-purpose fertilizer were added to increase the organic matter and mineral content of the soil. We do not use chemical fertilizer or pesticides. We use straw mulch and cultivate by hand to help control weeds.

Farming Practices

Bayard Cutting Arboretum CSA farm is not a certified organic farm, however, we sign and follow the guidelines of the Northeast Farmer's Association of New York (NOFA-NY) Farmer's Pledge which describes guidelines that the farmer promises to follow to ensure that the food is responsibly grown, using organic and sustainable practices. The farmer promises to grow the healthiest food possible under conditions that help preserve the land on which it is grown.

Why choose organic?

(-adapted from Organic Gardening for the 21st Century, by John Fedor)

Healthy soils. Healthy water. Healthy ecosystems. Healthy animals. Healthy people.

There are many reasons to choose organic. Organic farms do not use synthetic chemical fertilizers, herbicides, or pesticides. Instead, organic farms rely on natural systems—such as composting, crop rotation and beneficial insects, that create healthy soils, rich in nutrients and alive with micro organisms. Toxic runoff which can contaminate our water supply is avoided.

Why support a sustainable food and farm system?

A sustainable food and farm system is one that promotes the stewardship of land and the lives that inhabit it. This stewardship encompasses the long term viability of our natural resource base, the health of consumers, the working conditions of farmers, the needs of communities, and the welfare of farm animals. When you support a sustainable food and farm system, you are supporting a system that is socially just, humane, community-minded, ecologically sound, and healthy for people.

The essence of all organic techniques is to work with nature, not against it. Organic gardening is a sustainable activity: the gardener feeds the soil, the soil feeds the plants, and the plants feed the gardener.

If you are interested in the CSA Farm you can contact the Farm Manager, Jen Campbell at 631-256-5048. Farm shares for 2014 are sold out but you can be added to the waiting list for the 2015 season.

