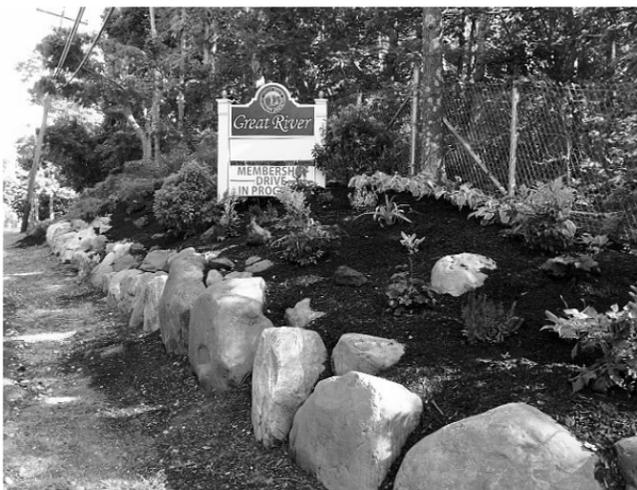


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Welcome to our *Historic Great River* Edition!

**TOWN MEETING!
MEET THE CANDIDATES
OCTOBER 21ST 7PM
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We will be hosting a Town Meeting on October 21st at 7PM at the Emmanuel Church.

MEET THE CANDIDATES!

We kick off at 7 with the Suffolk County Comptroller candidates with John Kennedy and Jim Guaghan.

Next is the NYS Assembly race with Andrew Garbarino and Debbie Pfeifer.

Our NYS Senate candidates are Tom Croci and Adrienne Esposito.

Assemblyman Tom Cilmi and Senator Phil Boyle will join to review proposed legislation so we can all be swarthy voters.

As always, the sessions will open up to questions once they have each had time to address the audience.

Great River
by the NUMBERS

George Nicoll bought the patent for the Islips	November 1683
Town of Youngs-port is founded	1854
Mr. and Mrs. William Nicoll donate land for Emmanuel Church	1862
Great River Freight Train Depot services Passengers	1867
Youngport is re-named Great River	1870
Mr. and Mrs. William donate once acre for Emmanuel Cemetery	1878
William Lawrence Breeze purchases "Timber Point Farm" from William Nicoll	1883
William Bayard Cutting purchased 931 acres from Westbrook as well as the Lorillard Estate	1884
Great River Post Office opens	1889
Cutting Brothers donate funds to build and furnish Emmanuel Church	1889

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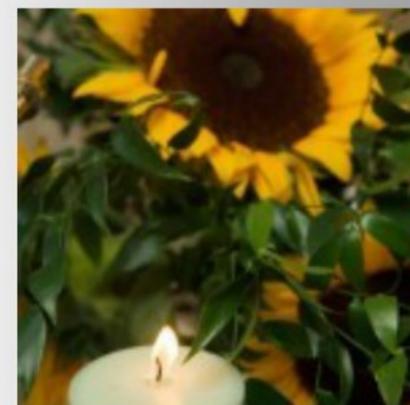
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Dear Neighbors,

The warmth of the summer sun is changing over to the warm and beautiful colors of the fall season. October, November and December bring a busy holiday season and many opportunities to display thanks, love and be charitable. In the spirit of such, I want to take a moment to let you know how grateful we are to have your support. This year we were once again declining in membership but thanks to your wonderful selves, we have passed our 2012 participation. We now have 32% of the Great River families as members. I just love this time of year as these holidays hold so much tradition! Our town is full of tradition. In preparing for this historic issue I looked at the number of families in Great River who have been here 35+ years. We have so many families who knew our town "back in the day". This issue allowed us to share the original "bones" of Great River. We hope future issues will share some of their memories with you.

We have fun events planned for the season. Our fund raising yard sale for new town flags is October 4th. Your donations are so appreciated. We have an unexpected expense as our welcome sign on Great River Road was destroyed in an act of vandalism. Our town meeting to meet the candidates is October 21st at the Emmanuel Church. The Halloween parade and party is October 29th. The parade route starts at the Great River Fire Department, travels down New Street to Provost to widgeon. Please come out to enjoy our children and pets in their fabulous costumes. Our annual tree lighting is always a must attend so be sure to save the date.

Watch the Post Office bulletin board, like us on our Facebook site [great River community association] and visit our brand new website: www.grca11739.com for updates.

Our next issue is in January. Please let us know if you have ideas for future issues of our Gazette. We would love your suggestions.

Have a wonderful Fall season... Enjoy the splendor!

Best,
Donna Boeri
President, GRCA



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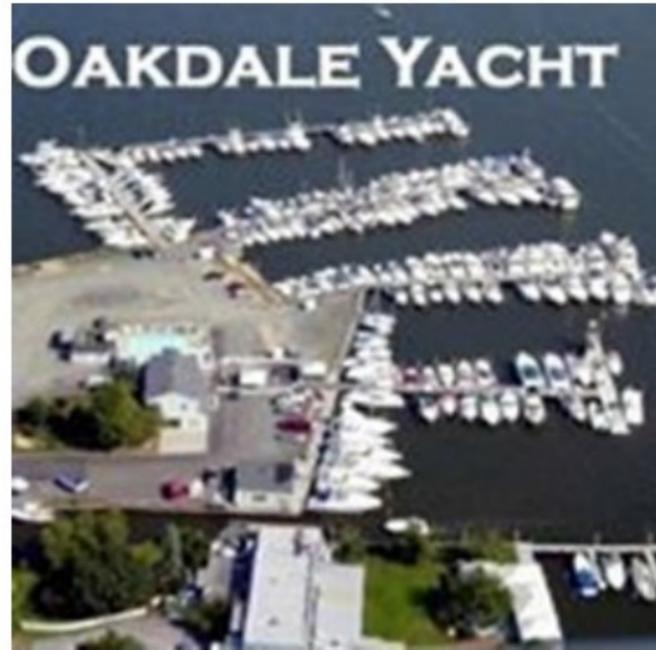
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His hard work and ambition warranted opening several stores in the Bronx and Queens. As times changed, he expanded into deli meats & cheeses, produce, along with a complete line of fine grocery and dairy items. The only thing that time didn't change was his persistence on using the finest quality, at the best possible value to the consumer.

Today, his son Pat operates Pat's Marketplace. He is committed to maintaining the same standard of Quality and service that his father Sebastiano taught him was necessary to succeed. There are 2 locations, one in Farmingdale (Bella's Market Place) and the other Pat's Market Place in East Northport. Pat also owns and operates Sebastiano's Caterers, another business that has flourished because of their insistence to Quality and service.

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Dredging begins at Watch Hill and Sailors Haven after October 12th. They plan to dredge from the channel and inside the dock area. As a result of Sandy, both dock areas will be completely replaced with upgraded water and new electric.

Sailors Haven a destination beach? Check out this review in Men's Fitness's Americas Top Beaches:

One of the best-kept secrets on the east coast, Sailors Haven/Sunken Forest is a perfect escape from the fast-paced New York City lifestyle. With clean, lifeguard-protected beaches that are never crowded, Sailors Haven offers what most other New York beaches can't - peace and quiet. In fact, it's not unusual to walk 5 or 10 minutes down the beach and not see another person. Just don't forget to pack a lunch because the beach's small concession stand is the only place you'll find for miles. Fit Factor: In addition to being a great swimming and surfing spot, you'll also find a one-and-a-half-mile-long boardwalk nature trail that runs through the island's famed Sunken Forest. - "

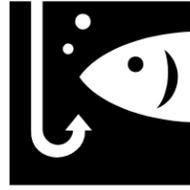
Watch for Travel Channel's show featuring SH—they filmed the beach this past summer.

Islip Town Removes Hazard

Legislator Cilmi and Councilman Sneft have worked together to have the metal ring removed from Kayak Beach!

Islip Town Feedback on Solicitors in the Neighborhood

An action item Olga Murray, Town Clerk, took from our town meeting was to determine if we could prevent solicitors from gaining a permit to sell in Great River. The Town Attorney reviewed the code [Islip Town Code Ch. 46 "solicitors"] and determined solicitors cannot be prevented from a certain hamlet. Solutions suggested from our neighbors at the town meeting—"only buy from those who you know".



ABOUT TOWN



Senator Boyle Hosts a Senior Safety Day

Senator Phil Boyle is hosting a Senior Scam Prevention Program as well as a Senior I.D. Card event at the East Islip Library on October 2nd from 10am to 2pm. The "Senior Scam Prevention" is a presentation that will focus on teaching seniors how to protect their identity and avoid becoming a victim of a scam. This presentation will be presented by the YS Department of State—Division of Consumer Protection. Immediately following the presentation will be a Senior I.D. Card program. This is an opportunity for seniors to receive a free photo I.D. that contains valuable information like any health information they would like to include and emergency contact information. Both events are free and open to the public.



Neighborhood Watch

Many neighbors have asked for information on starting a neighborhood watch program. On Thursday, November 6th, Officer John Wright from our Third Precinct, will meet with any interested neighbors to discuss the program. The meeting is scheduled for 7pm at the East Islip Library in the Children's Meeting Room. All are welcome.



Great River Water Taxi

Exploratory conversations are taking place to see if Great River and Oakdale residents would have an interest in having a water taxi available to enjoy the restaurants on the river!



7th Annual Walk for a Guide Dog Fundraiser.

The non-profit service club, the Islip Lions Club is holding a dog walk on Oct 5, 9:30 am at the East Islip Library. A fun 2 mile walk with or without your dog or dogs. All proceeds will benefit the Guide Dog Foundation and local charities. \$12 if registered before Sept 24 or \$15 day of the walk. T shirts for all Prizes for best dressed dog! We also need business T shirt sponsors. For information .Lions Club of the Islips, PO 91, E Islip 11730, 631-277-0121 or www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/theislipsny Thank you! The Islips Lions Club - Lions e-Clubhouse The The Islips Lions Club is a part of Lions Clubs International, a network of volunteers who work together to answer the needs that challenge communities around the world. E-CLUBHOUSE.ORG



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The BCAHS society has been in existence since 1974. Our members are of varied levels of experience, always interested, helpful and eager to share their ideas as well as listen to yours. Our monthly meetings are a lively time to discover and discuss our personal horticultural interests. Presently we have over 350 members.

Our monthly meetings include informative guest speakers on a variety of topics that have to do with the natural world. The meetings take place on the second Wednesday of each month (September through June) at 6:30 PM. We meet in the historic Carriage House on the grounds of the Arboretum.

We have a vibrant and extensive program of over 30 educational activities that include garden visits, self drive tours around Long Island, bus tours, horticultural classes and craft workshops that occur on various days throughout the year. Our members as well as professionals in the field teach these classes.

We also have special events throughout the year. There are guided seasonal walks through the Arboretum as well as celebratory parties to mark the beginning of summer and winter.

For more information about us, membership, or to read any of these articles from Fine Gardening Magazine:

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Dear Neighbors,

Greetings from Emmanuel Episcopal Church in the heart of Great River. I hope everyone had a great and safe summer. Summer time is notoriously slow in the life of the Church, and then September starts the big run up to Christmas. Emmanuel is no exception. We have so many things going on, and we invite you all to take part.

The GRCA and I are working together to have more events at Emmanuel, and the first thing we are having together is the next Great River Town Meeting on October 21st. We are so excited to host the meeting and hope that this will be the start of a great relationship so we can become THE community Church in town.

I am working on a project called the Great South Bay Senior Wellness Initiative. This is another great way to open our doors to the community and expand our outreach and service. We hope to become the hub for the greater Islip area for education and programs geared to senior citizens. This new program will include internet scam safety, tai chi, "sit and be fit," falls prevention seminars, and much more for seniors in Great River, Oakdale, Islip, Central Islip, Brentwood and anyone else who would like to attend. I am very excited about this program; more information will be released soon.

Our big Holiday Fair has been scheduled for November 22nd, starting at 10:00am. We have home made crafts, new items, used items, as well as homemade soups and other lunch options. Please join us!

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. Sunday School started Sept. 14th (9:00am) and it is great fun. You can drop by anytime! 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).

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 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.

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A Brief History of Troop 205 Great River/East Islip, NY

Troop 205 has been a very successful Boy Scout Troop for 31 years in the Great River – East Islip area, serving boys and building positive morals, character, and active community involvement amongst our 10 to 18 year old members. Troop 205 currently has 78 registered boys and 107(!) adult leaders on the official BSA Charter and Roster.

The Troop has its origin in Timber Point Elementary School in 1983 as a way for the Cub Scouts from Pack 205, also based at Timber Point,) to advance in leadership capabilities. Founded by then Cubmaster Harry Ackert and sponsored by the Timber Point PTA, the Troop spent several years growing and serving the boys of the Communities of East Islip and Great River.

Harry Ackert was the first Scoutmaster and guiding force to get the organization of the Troop of to a sound start. After 5 years, Harry passed the torch of Leadership to a succession of new Scoutmasters derived from the ranks of parents working with their sons. These included Scoutmasters: Gerald Curtin – Great River resident; Rod Andersen; Roy Anderson; Glen Bernichon; Mike Corcoran – Great River resident; Mike Capobianco – Great River resident; Current Scoutmaster, Mark Businski – Great River resident. As well as Committee Chairmen: Mrs. Harry Ackert, Karen Anderson, Greg Baranec, and Glen Bernichon.

As the Troop grew, so did the need of various meeting places, so it was that the Troop moved from Timber Point to Christ Lutheran Church in Islip Terrace as well as the American Legion Post in East Islip

Growing and maturing evermore, the Troop has seen its sponsorship migrating to local Community groups such as the Timber Point PTA, the American Legion Post in East Islip and currently by the Great River Fire Department where we are currently based. We even outgrew the meeting space at the fire department and now must meet again at the Timber Point Elementary School which is a stone's throw from the Great River Fire Department. Troop 205 is happy and proud to use the facilities at the Great River Fire Department to store our Troop camping equipment and our Troop trailer.

Camping has been a large part of the Troop's activities and so it has camped out at several locations for adventure such as: National Boy Scout Jamboree, West Point Military Academy, Whitewater rafting, Boston Historic Trails, New York City Historic Trails, Gettysburg Battlefield, Many Suffolk County Parks, Philmont High-Adventure base in New Mexico, Scuba Diving at the Boy Scout Adventure Base in Florida, Annapolis, Spelunking In Virginia, Mystic Seaport, Connecticut, Valley Forge and Washington DC.

So successful has The Troop's program been that as of the present date, Troop 205 is proud to have 56 Eagle Scouts and many more on the way. Nationally, the Eagle Scout advancement rate is about 2 percent, whereas the Troop's eagle rate is well over 95%! We are proud of the interest shown by the leaders and parents to encourage the boys to strive towards this hard-earned leadership goal.

Troop 205 meets each Tuesday during the School year from 7:30pm to 9pm at the Timber Point Elementary School Cafeteria, has a campout each month on Long Island or in the Northeast region, and three formal Court of Honors during the academic year.

Troop 205 believes that the partnership between the Great River Fire Department and Troop 205 is a positive community partnership, both in the short and long term. This includes Troop involvement with community projects such as the Memorial Day Fire Department Picnic, the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony, etc.

For information on joining Troop 205 for 5th graders up through graduating high school seniors, please contact Troop 205 Scoutmaster Mark Businski at 631-277-4402 or at mbusinski@gmail.com. You are also welcome to view our website at www.t205.net.



The Great River Fire Department was established in 1916 on River Road in Great River.

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For the past eight years, Girl Scout Troop 998 has been doing many service projects to benefit many different organizations in our area. The troop is led by Karen Borger, a Great River resident and Christine Sciallo, an East Islip resident. The troop is comprised of eighteen eighth grade girls, many of whom live in Great River. The members our the troop are: Kristen Bayreuther, Erica Sciallo, Isabel O’Neill, Julia Desiderio, Amanda Neri, Meaghan Walsh, Julia Ryan, Heather Schapfel, Camryn Kreuscher, Marykate Carroll, Lauren Florenz, Olivia Hoppe, Madison Lane, Lindsay Guzzetta, Kelly Murphy, Natalie Stergakos, Kerri Smith and Sabine Gebhard. These are an exceptional group of young ladies. Many of them are athletes who play several sports in and out of school, they are National Junior Honor Society Members, Tri M music honor society members, and members of student government. They also volunteer their time to many other activities in the area outside of Girl Scouts, such as working with special needs children through organizations like Just For Kicks through the East Islip Soccer Club and the Champion league through St. Mary’s CYO basketball.

Some of the service projects the girls have taken on over the years are collections for the local food pantry, collections for several animal shelters, toy drives at Christmas time, singing Christmas Carols to senior citizens, beautification projects at their elementary school, as well as working with younger girls. They are currently running a project for the East Islip service unit to collect items for the Advocacy Center in Central Islip, which cares for children who have been abused.

This troop has stayed together over these many years while many other troops have disbanded. The girls and their parents have an exceptionally strong bond that holds them together as a group. They are all motivated, hard-working girls who give back to others and want to be the best they can be. They all have a very promising future ahead of them and are valued members of the community!

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LONG ISLAND INDIANS—OUR HUMBLE BEGINNING

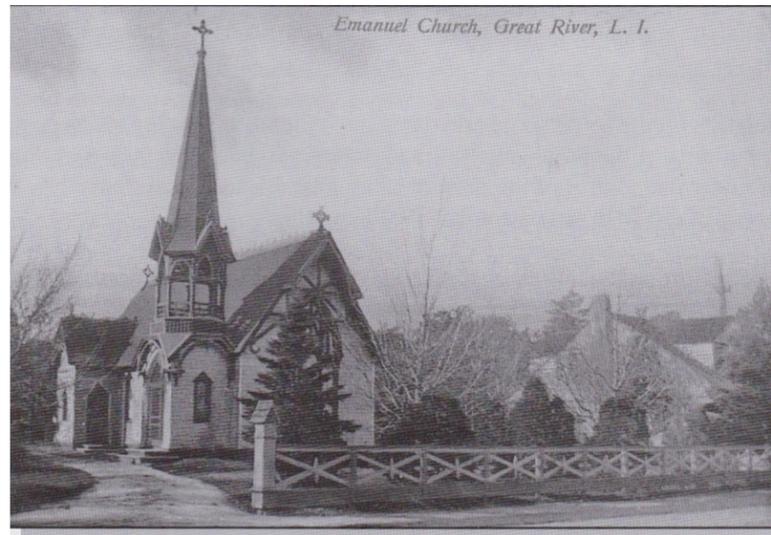
Long Island was originally inhabited by thirteen Indian tribes. Each tribe had a leader, or Sachem, with a Grand Sachem as the head of all the tribes. The Secatogue Indians lived on the south side of Long Island from Massapequa to Patchogue. The tribes were known to be friendly and respect town laws. The Conotquut [spelling found in old Indian deeds] tribe was a branch of the Secatogues. Winaquaheagh, Indian Sachem Proprietor of Conoquut sold William Nicoll his first patent for land in Islip in November 1683. Great River's name derives from *Connetquot*, an Algonquian word for "Great River".



YOUNGSPORT

Great River hamlet was formerly known as Youngsport. In the 1840s the Youngs family lived about one and a half miles south of Montauk Highway on Great River Road. Erastus Youngs and his family began building and repairing boats on the west shore of the Connetquot River near Great South Bay. With hardly anyone else around (21 houses), the place was called Youngsport for 30 years. Youngsport had one store and a freight station on the South Side Railroad of Long Island two miles north of it. The inhabitants were principally known as bay men. Alva Vanderbilt (later Alva Belmont), the Oakdale socialite suffragette, bought the Youngs' home and gave it to Trinity Lutheran Parish of Brooklyn, which used it as a summer camp called "Seaside Camp" for city children.^[6] Youngsport Village's name was changed to Great River in either 1870.

The Great River freight station was enhanced to a passenger station in the summer of 1897. The great estate era was born with railroad and banking barons building summer homes on the Connetquot River. William Vanderbilt's Idle Hour [Dowling College], William Bayard Cutting [Bayard Cutting Arboretum] and William Nicoll's estate.



EMMANUEL EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Emanuel Episcopal Church, the "Little Chapel", on Great River Road, became a reality in 1862 when Mr. and Mrs. William Nicoll deeded one-half acre of land. The bell in the chapel tower was inscribed with the words, "Emmanuel Church, Islip, L.I., Thou shall open my lips, O'Lord and my mouth shall show thee praise".

Located at the site of the original chapel's entrance is a stained glass window from France donated by the Plum family. Tiffany glass windows known as the Sarah Nicoll's "Crown of Heaven" and the William Nicoll's "Jewel Cross" were donated as a memorial by the Nicoll family. Other Tiffany windows were also presented to Emmanuel from 1903 to 1915.

Mr. & Mrs. W. Bayard Cutting donated the funds to build and furnish the church rectory in 1889.

Emmanuel Church Cemetery is located directly behind the church. Some of those interred there are William Nicholl VII and the financier H. B. Hollins.

In 2012 Emmanuel Episcopal Church observed a year-long 150th anniversary celebration of its founding on November 16, 1862.

LORILLARD ESTATE AND RACING STABLE

George L. Lorillard (March 26, 1843 – 1892) was an American, New York City tobacco tycoon and a prominent Thoroughbred racehorse owner. Lorillard owned a mansion on 800 acres (3.2 km²) of Long Island, located north of Montauk Highway and west of Connetquot Road, that is now Bayard-Cutting Arboretum. He built a large stable and racing horse training track. Lorillard's racing stable was handled by horse trainer R. Wyndham Walden. They won the Preakness Stakes a record five straight years between 1878 and 1882, the Belmont Stakes in 1878, 1880, and 1881 and the Travers Stakes in 1878 and 1880. Among George Lorillard's best horses were Saunterer, Vanguard, Grenada, Tom Ochiltree, and Duke of Magenta. In 1878, Duke of Magenta won the Preakness Stakes, the Withers Stakes, the Belmont Stakes, and the Travers Stakes, a feat accomplished since by only two other colts: Man o' War and Native Dancer.

The United States Congress shut down on October 24, 1877, for a day so its members could attend "The Great Race" at Pimlico Race Course in Baltimore, Maryland. The event was a 2.5-mile (4.0 km) match race run by a trio of champions: Ten Broeck, Tom Ochiltree and Parole. Ten Broeck, the Kentucky champion, was owned by F. B. Harper. Tom Ochiltree, the Eastern champion and winner of the 1875 Preakness Stakes, was owned by George L. Lorillard. Parole, a gelding, was owned by Pierre Lorillard IV, George's brother. Parole, with jockey William Barrett up, prevailed with a late run, crossing the finish line three lengths ahead of Ten Broeck and six ahead of Tom Ochiltree, which had helped to set the early pace with legendary jockey George Barbee in the irons. An estimated 20,000 people crowded into Pimlico to witness the event. The Great Race is depicted in a four-ton stone bas-relief — copied from a Currier & Ives print and sculpted in stone by Bernard Zuckerman — hanging over the clubhouse entrance at Pimlico.

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GREAT RIVER DEPOT

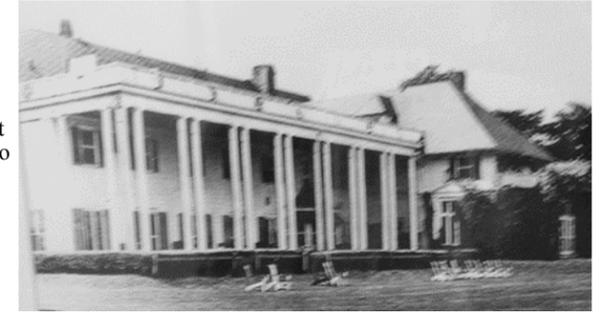


was operated by the Southside Railroad until 1880 when the Long Island Rai Road. The original wooden depot is a historic landmark for the LIRR and is the only known lean-to still in performance for the system today. Prior to the establishment of passenger service, the site of Great River Station was occupied by a freight-only station built by the South Side Railroad of Long Island and known as Youngsport Station.^[11] This was a popular stop for wealthy business men traveling to South Side Sportsmen's Club in Connetquot River State Park Preserve after the Club House Station closed in 1897.

TIMBER POINT COUNTRY CLUB

William Lawrence Breeze purchased 290-acre "Timber Point Farm" from William Nicoll in 1883. Some of the wool taken from sheep raised on this farm was spun into yarn and used to make a bedspread which still covers the bed in the Boring Room at the Walt Whitman home in Huntington. This weaving was done by Sarah C. Seaman, who married James Whitman, brother of Walt Whitman, on June 15, 1835, in Islip.

Timber Point, rich in history was originally an 18 hole golf course designed by the well-respected architectural team of Colt & Alison. The club was built and formed in the roaring twenties along with other prominent estates that were constructed along the south shore during that time. The original mansion now serves



In 1925 Angel de la Torre, Spain's first golf professional, agreed to travel to the United States to play in the U.S. Open. In that through a series of British heath-like holes, then across some Pine Valley-like sandy terrain. The inward half, which was largely constructed on reclaimed marshland, included several of the boldest holes of the course, including the 460-yard par-four eleventh (featuring three distinct driving areas), the 470-yard par-four fourteenth and the 205-yard into-the-wind fifteenth, modeled after Dr. Alister MacKenzie's famous Gibraltar hole at Moortown Golf Club, England. The sixteenth and seventeenth were true seaside holes, and the 510-yard eighteenth, one of the few holes routed with the prevailing breeze, offered the aggressive player a chance to close in style.

BAYARD-CUTTING ARBORETUM

Bayard Cutting Arboretum State Park was part of the former Bayard Cutting Estate. Originally comprising 7,500 acres and 12 buildings, the estate of William Bayard Cutting was donated as an arboretum to the State of New York by Cutting's widow and daughter, Mrs. Olivia James, "to provide an oasis of beauty and quiet for the pleasure, rest and refreshment of those who delight in outdoor beauty; and to bring about a greater appreciation and understanding of the value and importance of informal planting."

Bayard Cutting Arboretum State Park consists of a notable large Tudor-style English country house called "Westbrook" and its surrounding landscaped gardens. The house was designed by architect Charles C. Haight in 1886 for William Bayard Cutting, who was an attorney, financier, real estate developer, sugar beet refiner and philanthropist. Located in the former Cutting resi-



dence are magnificent fireplaces, woodworkings, and stained glass windows.

An annex to the mansion was built in 1890 and contained a billiards room, a small organ, a gaming room and guest rooms. The landscape design was done by Frederick Law Olmsted, popularly considered to be the father of American landscape architecture. Olmsted was famous for co-designing many well-known urban parks with his senior partner Calvert Vaux, including Central Park and Prospect Park in New York City.

The Age of Innocence (1993), directed by Martin Scorsese and starring Daniel Day-Lewis, Winona Ryder, Michelle Pfeiffer and Joanne Woodward. Based on the 1920 novel by Edith Wharton. (Archery/lawn party scene at the historic Bayard Cutting Arboretum.)



GREAT RIVER POST OFFICE

Our Post Office was established on November 26, 1889, two years after the railroad depot. Prior to our Post Office, mail came from New York or Connecticut by trading vessels. Twice a month a mail carrier traveled South Country Road on horseback. History tells that this service was withdrawn before the revolution. A gentleman named Dunnbar voluntarily rode a post between New York City to Brookhaven before mail service was restored in the late 1800's.