

# Great River Gazette

A QUARTERLY JOURNAL FROM THE GREAT RIVER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Welcome to our 2015 Annual *Membership Drive* Edition!

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The Great River Community Association is kicking off the 2015 Annual Membership Drive.

**Thank you to all of our 2014 Members ~ there are just not enough words to tell you how much we value your support!**

There are three ways to join this year! Membership forms are at the community board, located at the post office. You can join via our new website which offers the application and/or a PayPal option - [www.grca11739.com](http://www.grca11739.com), and of course, we have a membership application within this Gazette issue. *We honor and thank our volunteer fire department with great river community association membership*

In 2014, we had lots of feedback which we addressed all that were within our realm. Please continue to let us know how we can help.

***We have even added an Easter Egg Hunt - Save the Date—March 29th! Start thinking about those Derby's and Bonnets!***



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| Dollars raised at yard sale for new town flags                 | \$400     |
| Donated yard sale goods remaining to Big Brothers Big Sisters  | \$600     |
| Donated yard sale soft goods remaining to Pets4Love Foundation | \$100     |
| Debbie Carplunk Yard Sale for Breast Cancer                    | \$5000    |
| Ilene Mauner-Cupcakes for a Cause                              | \$1225    |
| Number of Great River homes for Sale                           | 17        |
| Number of Great River homes under contract                     | 1         |
| Number of Great River homes sold in last six months            | 5         |
| Average Sale Price   | \$663,000 |

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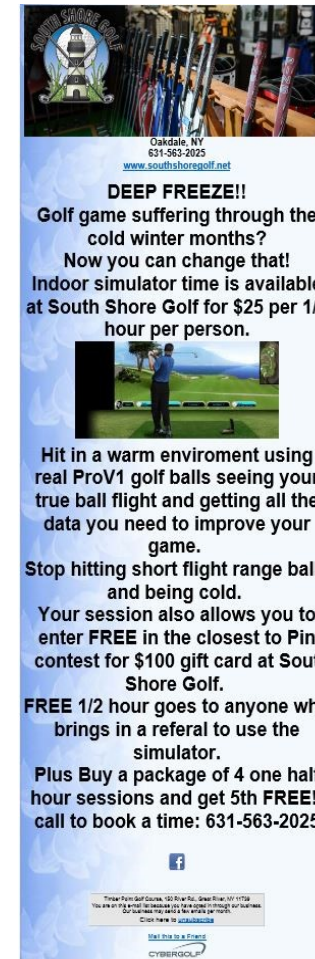


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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

|          |          |              |   |  |
|----------|----------|--------------|---|--|
| FEBRUARY | 18       | 10 AM - 7 PM | Ash Wednesday Services                                      | Emmanuel Church                          |
|          | 28       | 9 MA         | Tai Chi Classes Start                                       | Emmanuel Church                          |
| MARCH    | 1        | 2 PM         | East Islip St. Patrick's Parade                             | Main Street, East Islip                  |
|          | 1        |              | Post Parade Party   | Irish Coffee Pub                         |
|          | 8        |              | Daylight Savings Time Begins                                |  |
|          | 12       | 12:00 PM     | Serenaders ST. Patrick's Luncheon                           | Irish Coffee Pub                         |
|          | 13       |              | SEASON OPENS  | TIMBERPOINT GOLF CLUB                    |
|          | 15       |              | ST. PAT'S 9 HOLE SCRAMBLE                                   | TIMBERPOINT GOLF CLUB                    |
|          | 15       | 12 PM—5 PM   | ROLLSTONE FOUNDATION<br>POKER CRAWL                         | See Information on page X                |
|          | 16       | 10 AM—3 PM   | Lenten Quiet Day  | Emmanuel Church                          |
|          | 17       |              | St. Patrick's Day Lunch & Dinner with<br>Live Entertainment | Irish Coffee Pub—<br>reservations a must |
|          | 17       | 7:00 PM      | Irish Dinner Show   | Irish Coffee Pub—<br>reservations a must |
|          | 18       | 7:30 PM      | Healing Mass  | Emmanuel Church                          |
|          | 20       |              | First Day of SPRING!  |  |
| APRIL    | 2        | 7:30 PM      | Maundy Thursday Service                                     | Emmanuel Church                          |
|          | 3        | 12 PM        | Stations of the Cross                                       | Emmanuel Church                          |
|          | 3        | 7:30 PM      | Good Friday Service   | Emmanuel Church                          |
|          | 5        | 8 AM - 10 AM | Easter Sunday   | Emmanuel Church                          |
|          | 3—5      |              | EASTER GOLF BALL HUNT                                       | TIMBERPOINT GOLF CLUB                    |
|          | 15       | 7:30 PM      | Healing Mass  | Emmanuel Church                          |
|          | 26 - MAY |              | LI Restaurant Week  | Strip Steak and<br>Irish Coffee Pub      |
| MAY      | 9        |              | Carplunk Family Yard Sale for<br>Breast Cancer              | 18 Pinetree Lane, Great River            |
|          | 10       | 10 AM        | Mother's Day Brunch Following<br>Service                    | Emmanuel Church                          |
|          | 20       | 7:30 PM      | Healing Mass  | Emmanuel Church                          |
|          | 24       |              | Memorial Day Ceremony & Parade                              | Great River Fire Department              |
|          | 30       | TBD          | Church Craft Fair & GRCA Yard Sale                          | Emmanuel Church                          |



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# Great River Community Association News

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dear Neighbors,

It takes a village! We have very special neighbors stepped forward in 2014 to help create wonderful memories for us and our children! Jack and Barbara Morrell along with Stan and Ellen Lozinski are the power play behind our annual kayak event. Our Boy Scouts with Marc Businski joined in on a very rainy yard sale to lend a helping hand. Meredith Fox is the magic behind our Halloween event. She keeps us on track and coordinates all the crafts the kids enjoy. Each year we are grateful to GRCA Board Member and GRFD Fire Commissioner James DiGiovanna for his donation of the pumpkins! Karen Berger has lead our Girl Scouts for over 8 Years. On the coldest day in December, her Girl Scouts and Daisy's came out with crafts and carols to make the holiday tree lighting extra special for all. They have agreed to join us for our **First Annual Egg Hunt on March 29th!** Our Fire Department brought Santa and an Elf to capture the children's wishes. Finally, those Fireworks! Just spectacular and we are thrilled to help sponsor them! *Special Thank you from me to all of our board members who work tirelessly to make these occasions better and better and a special thank you from all of us to you who donate to and support our events.*


Best,  
Donna Boeri  
President, GRCA

## THANK YOU!



As many of you are aware, our welcome sign at the entrance of Great River Road was vandalized and destroyed beyond repair. Mr. Bob Seekamp volunteered to try his hand at repairing the sign. Thanks to his excellent skills and diligence, our sign was restored and is back in place in good standing.

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Neighborhood Watch Groups are being formed! If you would like one on your block or are interested in being a block captain – please send an email to [greatriver-watch@gmail.com](mailto:greatriver-watch@gmail.com). Go us! We have two Block Captains already signed up!



**First Annual  
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**March 29th  
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 February 8th—**Akiko Kobayashi – violin**

New York-born violinist Akiko Kobayashi is an enthusiastic solo and chamber music player. She won First Prize in the American Protégé International Piano and Strings Competition, the Richmond County Orchestra Concerto Competition, and a Distinguished Musician Diploma at the IBLA Grand Prize Competition.

February 15th—**Daria Rabotkina - piano**

Daria Rabotkina is the winner of the 2007 Concert Artists Guild International Competition. She has been lauded as "...a pianist full of fire and warmth" Whether in front of an orchestra, in recital hall or in a chamber music setting, this "Russian virtuoso" (The Miami Herald) impresses audiences and critics alike.

February 22nd—**Trio Portinari - piano, cello, violin**

Candace Chien, piano; Nicholas Pappone, violin; Hyung Suk Bae, cello. Trio Portinari was formed in New York City in 2013 by graduates of the some of the world's top American conservatories. Since then, they are continually captivating both traditional audiences and new younger ones through innovative and fresh performances of classic works, as well as championing the best of the newest music.

March 1st—**Seba Ali - pianist**

Egyptian Pianist Seba Ali made her debut at age 6 at the Cairo Opera House. She is the winner of the 2009 Ars Flores Concerto Competition, 2010 Lynn Concerto Competition and 2011 Artist Series of Sarasota Piano competition. She is a highly experienced accompanist and piano instructor and a doctoral candidate and teaching assistant at State University of New York at Stony Brook.

March 8th—**Di.Vi.Sion Trio - piano, violin, cello**

Formed in New York City in 2001, the di.vi.sion piano trio is now in its eleventh season. The trio is: Kurt Briggs, Violin; Matt Goeke, Cello; and Renée Cometa Briggs, Piano. Its repertoire ranges from Haydn and De Fesch to Shostakovich and Ravel.

March 15th—**Bradley Burgess - piano**

South African pianist Bradley Burgess is a versatile and accomplished musician. He has appeared in recital, both solo and collaboratively, in New York, New Jersey, Idaho, United Kingdom, and Finland as well as major venues in South Africa. Also an organist, Bradley is currently the Director of Music & Organist at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Islip, NY.

March 22nd **Cross Island & Friends - piano, violin, cello**

Join perennial IAC favorites CROSS ISLAND - Suzanne Mueller, cello, and Elinor Abrams Zayas, piano - and guests violinist Yeou-Cheng Ma and clarinetist Sandy Tepper for an afternoon of duets, trios, and quartets spanning centuries and styles with music by Isaac Albeniz, Ludwig von Beethoven, Max Bruch, Frederic Chopin, Kevin Holland, Steven Kreamer, Federico Mompou, Franz Neruda, Paul Schoenfield, Steven Serpa, and Rick Sowash.

March 29th—**Chris Gotzen-Berg - classical guitar**

For nearly 20 years, Savage Classical Guitar Sponsored Artist Christopher Gotzen-Berg has shared his passion for the guitar. His concert programs include classical masterpieces, original compositions, and flamenco transcriptions. The Times Union newspaper (Albany, NY) complemented Christopher for his "sparkling original compositions".

# ..Proud We Are!



The expression, "Three times is a charm" certainly holds true for this year's, Cupcakes for a Cause Bake Sale thanks to the incredible support and generous contributions from our community. What began as a mitzvah (meaning, "good deed") project combined with a love for baking, this year, you helped Evan raise \$1,225.00 breaking last year's total of \$818.00! The cause-breast cancer-seems to have affected so many as neighbors shared stories of loved ones who have been touched. The money was donated directly to the Women's Health Pavilion at St. Catherine's of Siena Medical Center and was so greatly appreciated. What was equally impressive was watching a group of 14 yr. olds (not needing any service credit which is so prevalent these days), give up their Saturday-some, in between soccer and volleyball practices, to help and support such an important cause. Thank you, GRCA for getting the word out and helping us make this such a huge success.

~~Ilene Maurer



The 12th year of the Annual Garage Sale for Breast Cancer was a huge success in 2014! We had two garage sales and we earned about \$5000! This event began in 2003. It began the year my mother, Dorothy Bruno, a 25 year resident of Great River, passed away from the disease. The event has turned into a yearly event that brings together family and friends. We thank this wonderful community for all the years of support. The money raised gets donated to the NY Avon Walk for Breast Cancer which is a 39 miles walk my family has been participating in for 12 years. We also donate money directly to families we know that may be suffering from a hardship. Please visit our garage sale this year on Saturday, May 9, 2015 at 18 Pinetree Lane. Thank you! Cristina Carluk and Family



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**Session 2: April 14 - May 16**



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 or Saturdays 9:00-9:30am

**20 Months - Age 2.** This exciting introductory program is a fun-filled class that engages the child in activities incorporating dance, drama, creative movement, and music. Young dancers will learn how to imitate movement and follow directions in a positive environment. Use of props enables the young dancers to use their imagination and creativity. This program helps transition students into a preschool setting and introduces them to the magic of performing arts!

### FIRST STEPS

Preschool Program

**\$65 for the session**  
 Tuesdays 10:30-11:30am,  
 Thursday 4:30-5:30pm,



**Ages 3 & 4.** This Program is an hour-long class designed to teach the student a very basic foundation in Creative Movement, Tap, Exercise, and Tumbling. This preschool class also helps build a child's coordination and confidence.



### Cool Kids

Combo Program

**\$69 for the session**  
 Tuesdays 6:15-7:15pm

**Ages 5 - 7.** This specialized program is an hour-long class including training in Ballet, Tap, and Jazz/ Hip Hop. It is designed to bring the student past the basics of creative movement and build a love of dance and it's varying styles.

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### *Serenaders ST. Patrick's Luncheon*

*Thursday, March 12th. 12:00 PM Show*



### *ST. Patrick's Day*

*Tuesday, March 17th*  
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### *Irish Dinner Show at 7:00 PM*

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## BEACHES and BOATING

### Dredging to Begin at Sailors Haven and Watch Hill on Fire Island

In the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy and multiple storm events in 2012 sediment accumulated in the Sailors Haven and Watch Hill navigation channels and marinas. In 2013 an environmental assessment to dredge this material and restore navigation channels to a width of 100 feet and depth of six feet at mean low tide was completed.

Earlier in 2014, a \$2.9 million contract was awarded to H&L Contracting of Bay Shore, New York. The project is funded through Hurricane Sandy disaster relief aid.

"We are happy this work is underway," said Fire Island National Seashore Superintendent Chris Soller, "and to be able to continue to provide safe access to these facilities."

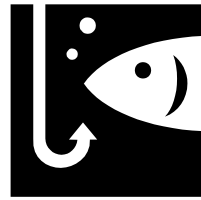
At Sailors Haven approximately 2,370 cubic yards of sediment from the dredged channel will be placed on the bay beach to the east and west of the marina. This material will help protect the Sunken Forest from accelerated rates of erosion. More than 49,000 cubic yards of sediment dredged from the Watch Hill channel will be deposited along the ocean front on the east end of Davis Park. The project is slated for completion by January 15, 2015.

### New Islip Town Supervisor

Islip Town Board unanimously appointed Suffolk County Treasurer Angie M. Carpenter as Town Supervisor to serve out the term of Tom Croci who was elected to the State Senate, at its January 29th Town Board meeting. The appointment takes effect on Monday, March 2

### NYS Law 1 January 2015

Starting Jan. 1, it will be illegal in New York state to throw away laptops, video game consoles and flat screen TVs with normal trash and recycling. After the New Year, the final leg of New York's 2010 electronics recycling law takes effect, making it illegal for consumers to throw away so-called "e-waste" in the garbage. Violators will be charged \$100 for each infraction



# ABOUT TOWN



### Protecting Minors From Identity Theft

Credit record freezes will be extended to protect minors starting Jan. 1. The law now lets parents or guardians place a freeze on the credit record of a child under the age of 16 to prevent their child from becoming a victim of identity theft.



### Coming to Town!

Pat's Marketplace [ the old Waldbaums] - Pat is looking at late March/Early April for the Grand Opening! Irish Lane and Main Street will be the new home of a 1st National Bank of LI. Notice all the construction on the Grumman Fields? New Senior Condos! Finally, Rumplick Chevrolet building has not been decided - the mystery will reveal itself in due time so stay tuned!



### East Islip Historical Society

EIHS Wish List for 2015 includes Advertisements, matchbooks, menus etc. of old area business' or institutions for their collection. Photo's or old home movies [regardless of format or subject] depicting East Islip or Great River. They will be copied and returned. [Good way to have your pictures/movies put on disc for free!] Contact Laura at 631-796-8464. Visit



### Suffolk County Marathon 2015

The inaugural Suffolk County Marathon is planned for September 13, 2015. In addition to be the last qualifier event for other marathons, the proceeds go to help our neighboring veterans in Suffolk County. Our GRFD is a first responder and active in the County planning. The GRCA has provided input as to road access for our community and our friends who will want to visit and partake in the activities. The runners will kick off in Heckscher Park, run on the parkway to our 27A East exit and along the connector to the Oakdale bridge. They will run to Patchogue and turn to run the route back to Heckscher. Our impact will be the Montauk Hwy and Great River Road entrance.



The marathon is a full and half TIMED event which will impact the traffic at Montauk and Great River Road though the morning. Festival events are planned for the park. Taste of LI with micro beers and wines. Food and Fun for all—we are looking forward to a great event. As always, we will keep you informed of any plans that affect our town.

## February Town Meeting Highlights

COPE -Officers John Wright and Pete Rivera from 3<sup>rd</sup> Pct (community relations) addressed the community: Neighborhood Watch

Ashley and Eric will take the lead to set up Neighborhood Watch in GR; COPE will work with them

Later in the meeting, Ashley advised that they were still researching the program before rolling it out, and passed around a sign-up sheet for people if interested in participating. Officer Wright explained that not all streets need to participate, but that 50% of the houses on a block must participate and each block must have a block captain.

If you see something, say something – too often after an incident occurs, a neighbor will say they thought something wasn't right, but they never called the police.

Nixle is a free community notification system that allows SCPD to communicate with the public via text, email, twitter and Facebook. The messages range from emergency alerts to routine day to day information. Register via [www.suffolkcpd.org](http://www.suffolkcpd.org) and click on the NIXLE icon at the top of the page.

Police Dept Numbers:

852-COPS to report non emergency issues

911 for emergencies

854-8308 for COPE (this is not a manned phone line but you can leave a message)

### COUNCILMANS FLOTTERON & COCHRANE

Councilmans Flotteron and Cochrane addressed the community: Angie Carpenter will take on the role of Town Supervisor the first week of March; she will have to run for office in November. Cochrane is Director of Veterans Affairs; the community passed veterans tax exemptions, but you have to call to sign up.

**Snow removal.** After 1" of snow, town code requires all cars are removed from the streets. If an area is badly hit and people can't park in their driveways or on the lawn because of too much snow accumulation, OEM would direct communities where to park. Donna recommended the town add the removal of basketball hoops from the street as well since the plows have to go around them too. The Councilmen recommended taking pictures of these areas and sending to the town.

### PSEG COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

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Dear Neighbors,

Greetings from Emmanuel Episcopal Church in the heart of Great River. I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season and that you are staying warm amidst our winter weather.

I received a grant from Episcopal Charities of Long Island to start 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. Starting Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am, we have Introduction to Tai Chi, taught by Carlos Hernandez. We invite you to join us for this twelve-week course, the cost is \$8.00 per class. We are also having a Lenten Quiet Day on Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup> (10AM-3PM). Come and take a break from all the hustle and bustle of life to spend some time reflecting on the meaning behind Lent.

Other programs we are working on include internet scam safety, "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 Craft Fair is scheduled for May 30<sup>th</sup> and I am pleased to say that the GRCA will be joining us with the GRCA yard sale. By teaming up, we are truly making one big community wide event that all can enjoy. I hope you can 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. Our all ages Sunday School meets every week (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 on Wednesday (10:30am). We also host the New Life group for widows and widowers to come for support (meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month at 7pm) and the New Beginnings Bereavement Group for people who have recently had a loved one pass away (meets 3<sup>rd</sup> 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. 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](http://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](mailto:emmanuelgr@verizon.net). Our Sunday services are at 8:00am and 10:00am, and we have a Healing Eucharist the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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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Girl Scout Cadette Troop 998 and Daisy Troop 2141 were a part of the festivities this year at the Annual Great River Civic Association Christmas Tree Lighting in December. The girls from both troops, which are comprised of 8<sup>th</sup> graders and Kindergarteners, worked together to learn holiday songs they would be singing during the ceremony. The older girls enjoyed helping the young children at the event with crafts. Both troops together sang several holiday songs in front of the tree to a large enthusiastic crowd of Great River residents. Although the weather was a bit chilly, the girls did a great job and the young girls were very excited to be a part of the day and of course, meet Santa.

Troop 998 is comprised of several Great River and East Islip 8<sup>th</sup> graders. The troop is led by Karen Borger, a Great River resident and Christine Sciallo, an East Islip resident. The members are: Kristen Bayreuther, Julia Ryan, Julia Desiderio, Heather Schapfel, Isabel O'Neill, Meaghan Walsh, Amanda Neri and Camryn Kreuzer of Great River and Erica Sciallo, Natalie Stergakos, Kelly Murphy, Lindsay Guzzetta, Lauren Florenz, Sabine Gebhard, Kerri Smith, Marykate Carroll, Olivia Hoppe and Madison Lane of East Islip. These girls are currently involved in several service projects including a large animal shelter collection for Friends of Freddie Animal Rescue and the collection of supplies for abused children for the Advocacy Center in Central Islip. Several girls in troop 998 will be working on obtaining their Silver Award.

Troop 998 is a wonderful group of girls, who have become role models to Daisy Troop 2141. The Daisy girls have just began their journey this year and are enjoying the guidance from the older troop. The Daisy girls are led by Karen Borger, Kristen Moriarty and Doreen Timmers. The members are: Samantha Borger of Great River, Madeline Moriarty, Kayla Timmers, Avery Bowden, Sabrina Carroll, Emily and Katie Coakley, Alison Coppinger, Lilyana Francis, Eva Drinkwater, Julia Hartman, Hailey Kiernan, Anna Kohlhoff, Vanessa Laiosa, Addison McDonough, Paige Mathers, Lucy Mosher, Reese Stubbmann, Lola Taormina of East Islip and Lexi Kneisel, Abby and Sarah Buonincontri of Islip Terrace.

We look forward to many years of service with the little girls and are planning to keep the wonderful service projects going with the older girls. They look forward to many more opportunities to assist the Civic Association with their future events.



**Fire Department Leadership**  
 The 2015 Officers were elected during December's meeting. The results are as follows:  
 Chief's Office  
 Chief of Department: William Vogel, Jr  
 1st Assistant Chief: Paul Llobell, III  
 2nd Assistant Chief: Robert Sudano  
 Line Officers  
 Captain: Michael Viniotis  
 Lieutenant: Alfred Erhard  
 Department Officers  
 Sergeant at Arms: Michael Chicarelli  
 Department Secretary: William Single  
 Department Treasurer: Thomas Potter

The new department officers assumed their role on January 1st, 2015 and will be officially installed on February 28th, 2015. The Chief's Office is excited for the new year and hope to continue Great River Fire Department's tradition of dedication to the community and our neighboring departments.

**Storm Preparation**  
 The Great River Fire Department stands ready to protect the community from emergencies at all times. Severe weather doesn't change its state of readiness. Winter Storm Juno was described by the national media as "historic," "record setting," and "crippling." As such, the department started its preparation days ahead of the storm. Over and above normal monthly, weekly and daily inspections, all apparatus was readied. Starting with topping off fuel and fluids, the apparatus was inspected from top to bottom. Additional equipment was deployed on the apparatus: shovels to clear paths to fire hydrants or to gain access to resident's driveways and doors, and chain saws to clear downed trees caused by the 50MPH winds. Spare fuel for tools was double checked to ensure there was enough on hand to last the duration of the storm. A standby was called beginning 8:00 pm the evening of the storm. A standby officially activates the department and holds manpower in quarters to allow for an instantaneous response in the event of an emergency activation. The standby provided to be a great time for the manpower to focus on making improvements to the apparatus and the department. This came in the form of cleaning tools and equipment, starting saws and generators and checking individual's gear. It's not all work during the standby. If you ask any firefighter to describe the fire service in one word, chances are they'd say "brotherhood." The 12 hour shift was a time to for the members to bond. From cooking dinner to watching a movie - all while keeping one ear on the fire radio - the members were reminded that the job is done for the community and for each other.

**Did you clear your hydrant?**  
 Help us help you! If you have a fire hydrant on your property, please clear the snow around it so that our response isn't delayed during an emergency. The house you save may be your own!

**Become a Member**  
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List Three Things You Would Like Your Community Association to Accomplish in 2015:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

2015 Annual Dues (January to December): \_\_\_ Silver: \$25 \_\_\_ Gold: \$50 \_\_\_ Platinum: \$100

\_\_\_\_ Yes, I'm a member of the Great River Fire Department. (Silver status - Yearly membership fee is waived.  
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## Boy Scout Troop 205 Is Alive and Well in Great River

Troop 205 provided Scouts and Leaders to assist with the Great River Community Association fall yard sale set-up and were happy to be of service, as pictured.

Troop 205 Eagle Scout Candidate Michael Grey is in the planning stages of his Eagle Scout Project, which will take place at Emmanuel Episcopal Church. Mike's Eagle Project will be adding a handicap-



accessible ramp and railings to the side entrance of the Emmanuel Episcopal Church here in Great River. In addition, Mike plans to refurbish the sitting benches currently outside of the entrances.

Mike met with Reverend McLeavey in December, and is now re-researching town code requirements to ensure the project meets all safety standards. After developing his initial plans, Mike must present a description of the project to his Troop leadership, the Church Vestry, as well as the Suffolk county Council for approvals before any work can begin. This would include approvals for design, fund-raising, and the actual construction process. Although the project will be soliciting of goods or financial contributions, the actual work must be done by Mike and his fellow Scouts, with supervision from the Troop adult leadership.

Look for additional updates as spring comes upon us, and best wishes to Mike as he progresses towards his Eagle Scout Rank.

You may have noticed that the double Adirondack chair located on the North side of the entrance to the Great River Boat Launching Park and immediately at the rear of the Great River Memorial Park was badly vandalized this last fall. Due to the damage, the remaining portion of the chair was demolished from the site. This Adirondack chair, along with the two single Adirondack chairs on the South side of the entrance as well as the landscape ties, rock, and two larger planters were planned and administered by Eagle Scout and local Great River resident Ryan Businski, and constructed by members of Troop 205 in November, 2004. With the commitment that the Businski family has had in maintaining this project, they will be funding and building a replacement double Adirondack chair this winter, with installation being planned this spring, prior to the Great River Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony at Memorial Park.

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

For information on joining Troop 205 for 5<sup>th</sup> graders up through graduating high school seniors, please contact Great River resident and Troop 205 Scoutmaster Mark Businski at 631-277-4402 or at [mbusinski@gmail.com](mailto:mbusinski@gmail.com). You are also welcome to view our website at [www.t205.net](http://www.t205.net).

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