

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Thursday, January 7

PASE & SEPTA Fundraiser

Manhasset Special Education PTA and PASE is hosting a special shopping event at Bandier from 10 a.m. until 12 p.m. at 2014 Northern Blvd. in Manhasset. Come in and support these two important organizations and latest fashion for the new year.

Returning Graduate Panel

Recently graduated seniors from the Class of 2015 will speak of their impressions of college life as a freshman. The panel will be held in the Secondary School Auditorium. Two sessions. Parents: 10 to 11:15 a.m.; Students: 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Friday, January 8

CASA Fundraiser

Manhasset CASA fitness fundraiser "3 Studios For 30 Days" runs through the month of January. A portion of the proceeds from your visit will be donated to Manhasset Coalition Against Substance Abuse. Take 10 percent off all January purchases using promo code CASA16 at Evolution Pilates, Pure Barre and Ryde @ EPhysique or call the studio. Take a free teen class at Evolution Pilates at 2 Shore Rd. in Port at 5:45 p.m.

Sunday, January 10

CHAT

The Brotherhood of Temple Judea will host representatives of the North Shore-LIJ Health System and Hofstra Law School to discuss its CHAT (Conversations, Health and Treatment) project. This important and informative event will cover advance care planning and end-of-life decision-making, which are issues people need to address with their loved ones but often avoid because of their anxiety. The event runs from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at

Temple Judea, conveniently located at the Manhasset/Roslyn border at 333 Searingtown Rd., Manhasset, NY north of the LIE. Admission is \$5 (payable to the Brotherhood of Temple Judea) and includes a bagel brunch. RSVP to brotherhood@temple-judea.com or to 516-621-8049 by Jan. 7.

St. Mary's Blood Drive

The Church of St. Mary is sponsoring a blood drive. Please come and help donate blood from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Marian Room at 1300 Northern Blvd. in Manhasset. Donors must weigh at least 110 pounds. Identification is required.

Monday, January 11 to Friday, January 15

Health & Wellness Week

Manhasset elementary schools will hold its week-long Health & Wellness week incorporating special presentations and grade appropriate exercises.

Tuesday, January 12

SEPTA Reading Program

Manhasset SEPTA offers an Expert Presentation: Promoting Reading Skills from K-12 Grade at 7 p.m. at the Manhasset Public Library. Clinical neuropsychologist Dr. Edward Petrosky discusses practical strategies for parents and teachers to promote their children's reading skills, hitting upon reading readiness, decoding and phonics, fluency and comprehension. Visit www.manhas-setsepta.org for link to flyer.

Science Research Presentations

Manhasset High School Science Intel Symposium and Social science programs will make presentation in Manhasset High School Cafeteria at 7 p.m.



Accolades To Manhasset Marvels

Nassau County Executive Edward P. Mangano commended the best and brightest students in the field of Math, Science and Technology at a ceremony held in the Theodore Roosevelt Executive and Legislative Building. The students were all competitors in the Siemens Competition, the nation's premier research competition for high school students. Manhasset High School seniors and teammates Kimberly Te and Christine Yoo will share the \$100,000 grand prize in the Team category for their project on a more natural and cost-effective way to clean oil spills.

Wednesday, January 13

Chamber of Commerce Installation Luncheon

Manhasset Chamber of Commerce holds its annual installation luncheon at La Coquille at 1669 Northern Blvd. in Manhasset. The event begins at noon. Membership dues can be combined with the cost of the lunch, visit www.manhassetny.org to pay for the event and dues. Cost of the luncheon is \$49.95. Payment may also be sent to Manhasset Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 754, Manhasset, NY 11030.

Thursday, January 14

CASA Sector Meeting

Manhasset Coalition Against Substance Abuse will hold its regularly scheduled Sector Meeting at 9 a.m. at Manhasset High School.

For more information go to the CASA website at www.manhassetcasa.org.

Friday, January 15

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MEMOIRS OF MANHASSET

I often think of my pal, John Gambling, the WOR radio host of years ago at this time of year. We both lived in Munsey Park. He was a member of the village board and called me to a special meeting at the mayor's home. A Santa suit package had arrived and was opened. The board wanted to see if it fit me. The suit fit perfectly with a pillow tied around my belly. The hat with beard attached looked great. I pulled up the boots and was almost ready to go when

one of the ladies took me aside and rubbed my cheeks and nose with a dose of rouge.

That was a finishing touch. One of the residents in Munsey Park, who owned an auto dealership, provided a convertible with sound system to play Christmas Carols for the ride through the village of the site where Santa



would greet the children with a small gift. We hoped every child in our village would join our cavalcade and meet Santa under the huge Christmas tree of beautiful, blazing lights.

My daughter, Wendy, was six years old; she came with friends to see Santa. Her friends were surprised when Santa greeted them by name. After the line of children vanished, our convertible took us to the home of a bedridden youngster to deliver a little gift of good cheer. For the

two succeeding years we again did the "Santa visit" but instead of a convertible auto, a fire engine led the cavalcade to the point on Bellows Lane where Christmas joy took place. If you have never taken that exit to Bellows Lane off Manhasset Woods Road, I suggest you do it some day. It's not the Grand Canyon—but close. To sum up, I have never seen our beloved Manhasset so beautifully gleaming with Christmas lights.

Bob Lubbers