

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Wednesday, February 17

Family Movie Matinee

The Manhasset Public Library will show a family movie matinee for ages 5 and up showing *Star Wars IV—A New Hope* from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Community Room. Register online by scrolling to the event (under February 17). Look for the "Register" button. Please note that you will need a library card number. Spots will no longer be reserved for in-person registration. Call or stop by in advance if you need assistance registering.

Sunday, February 21

PJ Library Playgroup

Bagels and Blox from 9:30 to 11 a.m. A free drop-in fun-filled playgroup for families raising Jewish children, ages 0 to 6 and their siblings, in conjunction with PJ Library. Children and parents/caregivers will have an opportunity to sing with Miss Jaime, hear a PJ library story, enjoy playtime and crafts and meet other families. This session will be hosted by an early childhood educator and behavior specialist who will be happy to answer any questions you may have. Bagels and Blox meets at Temple Judea 333 Seasingtown Rd., Manhasset across from Christopher Morley Park. Advanced registration is requested. Call 516-621-8212 or email pjlibraryevents@gmail.com.

Monday, February 22

Schools Reopen

Tuesday, February 23

Mock Interviews

Juniors at Manhasset High School are invited to practice their interviewing skills. Parents of the local community volunteer their time to allow this skill to become proficient for the future. For more information contact Jane Grappone in the Guidance office at 516-267-7700.

Thursday, February 25

Board of Education Meeting

The Manhasset Board of Education will hold its regularly scheduled board meeting at 8 p.m. in the Middle School Library. Go to www.manhassetsschools.org for an agenda.

Understanding Marijuana

CASA Presents Understanding Marijuana in 2016 at 3:30 p.m. at Manhasset High School (for students). No registration required. At 7:30 p.m. in Manhasset Public Library (for parents and residents), Registration is required. Dr. Kevin Sabet presents about current trends and issues in marijuana use and how it impacts our teens, schools and communities.

Friday, February 26

Special Needs Yoga

Manhasset SEPTA hosts a Special Needs Yoga class for children ages 5 through 12. Children learn breathing and relaxation techniques along with stretching to promote inner focus and body awareness. Two classes: 4 to 4:45 p.m. for ages 5 to 8 years old; 4:50 to 5:35 p.m. for ages 9 to 12 years old. Lisa Cusano, a certified yoga instructor experiencing in teaching special needs children, will teach the class. To reserve a spot email manhassetsepta@gmail.com.

**Box Tops for Education**

Munsey Park Elementary School deadline for Box Tops for Education. Bring your Box Tops to school in a Ziploc bag labeled with the child's grade and teacher's name.

Long Island String Festival

All Nassau Elementary school grades fifth through seventh will perform at Uniondale High School from 4 to 8 p.m. For more information go to www.lisfamusic.org.



Manhasset Artist A.J. Conte



Saturday, February 27

Saturday Series

The Manhasset SCA Saturday Series continues at 9 a.m. at Shelter Rock Elementary School.

Long Island String Festival

All Nassau Elementary school grades fifth through seventh will perform at Uniondale High School from 9 a.m.

to 1 p.m. For more information go to www.lisfamusic.org.

Monday, February 29

Leap Year!

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Assemblyman Chad A. Lupinacci, State Assemblyman Andrew Raia, Suffolk Legislator Robert Trotta, Huntington Town Councilman Eugene Cook and Anthony E. Tolda. Most hold political office at the local level. Are there others from the private sector, citizen-politicians like those who built our nation, who are

ready to join the fight for the future of this country? Additionally, how much do we know about the positions of any of these candidates on issues of national importance? Voters want to know more about a candidate's stand on the issues before they give their support, and these candidates should be heard free from the filter of the party's kingmakers.

How can freethinking Republicans

accomplish this without allowing the party infrastructure to dictate whom our candidate will be? We should take a lesson from Donald Trump who, like him or not, has used the mainstream and social media to his great advantage. In the age of Facebook, Twitter, crowdfunding opportunities, YouTube and local news feeds, the so-called citizen-politician can put together a vigorous campaign on a shoestring.

Let's start the conversation. Let's fight to ensure that the voters of NY CD-3 get every opportunity to hear ALL of the candidates present their views in open, well-advertised and public venues. Choosing the right person will be key to winning this seat. "We the people" want to make that selection, not the entrenched party leaders.

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