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### New Fire Island Ferry Terminal Construction to Start Soon

Plans by the National Park Service (NPS) to replace the 25 year old Watch Hill Ferry Terminal on West Avenue are being finalized and officials say construction is expected to begin in September. The hope is to have the new building ready for use next summer.

An NPS report describes the existing building, originally built as a temporary solution, as inadequate to existing operations and plans to extend ferry service to other parts of Fire Island.. In the words of the report, "The building has no inside waiting area, is not handicapped accessible, is not heated, has no information or orientation capabilities, and is unsafe."

The new building will total about 4,000 square feet and will include an inside passenger waiting area, ticketing area and restrooms. There will be provisions for visitor orientation and information. The facility will be fully handicapped accessible. Plans also call for replacing the exterior deck and bulk-head ing.

While this is not the full fledged Visitor Center that Patchogue has been looking forward to since Fire Island National Seashore was established in 1964, it is a major improvement.



25, shows diners in front of the Main Street Cafe on East Main Street. All Main Street restaurants reported good business. Vendor spots were filled to capacity.

The festival, which features five live music performance stages, continues on Aug. 1, 8 and 15.

### Alive After Five® Off To Perfect Start

Our annual Main Street festival which is running this year for five Friday's in a row, got off to a great start with perfect weather for both of the first two outings. Huge crowds packed East and West Main Streets both nights. The picture, taken early in the evening on July



### Optimist Regatta Takes Over Bay

410 young sailors (8 to 15) arrived in Patchogue July 22 for the six day 2008 Optimist National Championship Regatta. They came from as far away as Japan, Australia, Germany and Ireland with a particularly sizable contingent from Nova Scotia.

The event was sponsored this year by the South Bay Scooter Club and the Village of Patchogue, and chaired by Roger Baker. Volunteers from many local

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## Save These Dates

**Friday, August 1**—Alive After Five® on Main Street, Patchogue, 6-10 p.m. Live music, outside dining, vendors, children's activities, Main Street closed to vehicular traffic, 631-475-0121, [www.AliveAfterFive.com](http://www.AliveAfterFive.com).

**August 1-17**—Ticket To Ride, The Ultimate Beattie's Experience, Patchogue Theatre, 631-207-1313.

**Saturday, August 2**—Davis Pak Beach Blast, catch the Davis Park Ferry from Patchogue, enjoy the sun and the beach all day, have dinner at the Casino, and watch Gucci Fireworks from "the Bar", 631-597-6150.

**Saturday, August 2**—New York Exceptions, A Blast from the Past, Shorefront Park Bandshell, 7:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m., free.

**Wednesday, August 6**—"Relay for Life Luminary Ceremony", Briarcliffe College, 7:00 p.m., 631-730-2024.

**Thursday-Saturday, August 7,8,9**—Sidewalk Sales on Main Street, Patchogue, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., 631-475-0121.

**August 8, 9 & 10**—2nd Annual Metro NY Balloon & Music Festival at Brookhaven Calabro Airport, Shirley.

**Friday, August 8**—Alive After Five® on Main Street, Patchogue, 6-10 p.m. Live music, outside dining, vendors, children's activities, Main Street closed to vehicular traffic, 631-475-0121, [www.AliveAfterFive.com](http://www.AliveAfterFive.com).

**Saturday, Sunday, August 9-10**—Fire Island National Seashore ferry excursion to Barrett Beach (weather permitting), leaves Watch Hill Ferry Terminal, Patchogue 9:30 a.m., departs Barrett Beach at 3:30 p.m., 631-475-1665.

**Saturday, August 9**—Jay Scott & Grand Case Scenario, Special guest: "The Corduroy Sky", Shorefront Park Bandshell, 7:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m., free.

**Sunday, August 10**—Mercy Haven Inc. 2nd Annual Motorcycle Ride for Change, 631-277-8300.

**Wednesday, August 13**—Brookhaven Memorial Hospital Stroke Support Group. 2:30 pm – 4:00 pm, Conference Room, free, 631-654-7240.

**Thursday, August 14**—Brookhaven Memorial Hospital Medical Center's Tournament of Tournaments at The Island Hills Country Club, 631-687-4483.

**Friday, August 15**—Patchogue-Medford Youth & Community Services Golf Outing, Rock Hill Country Club, 7:30 shotgun start, 631-758-4100.

**Friday, August 15**—Alive After Five® on Main Street, Patchogue, 6-10 p.m. Live music, outside dining, vendors, children's activities, Main Street closed to vehicular traffic, 631-475-0121, [www.AliveAfterFive.com](http://www.AliveAfterFive.com).

**Saturdays, August 16-September 6**—Tai Chi in the Park, Free Event at Shorefront Park, (near the Band Shell), 9:00-11:00 a.m., 631-475-5730 or [Laoshi@WaterTigerTaiChi.com](mailto:Laoshi@WaterTigerTaiChi.com).

**Saturday, August 16**—Six Gun Live, Featuring "Country with a Kick", Shorefront Park Bandshell, 7:00

p.m.–9:00 p.m., free.

**Monday, August 18**—Patchogue Lions Club Golf Outing Honoring Philip Gallo and Vincent Liquori, Jr. at the Rock Hill Country Club, Manorville, Shotgun Start 1:30 p.m., Dinner 6:00 p.m. \$150 Golf, Lunch & Dinner. \$50. Dinner only, 631-472-4483.

**Friday-Sunday, August 22-24**—"Battle On The Bay", Off-Shore Power Boat Races, Shorefront Park, South Ocean Avenue, Patchogue, 631-495-6566.

**Saturday, August 23**—Tai Chi in the Park at Father Tortora Park, Central Avenue & East 3rd Street, Patchogue, free, 9:00-11:00 a.m., 631-475-5730 or [Laoshi@WaterTigerTaiChi.com](mailto:Laoshi@WaterTigerTaiChi.com).

**Friday, August 29**—Peter Pan and Wendy at the Patchogue Theatre, 631-286-1133.

**Wednesday, September 10**—Brookhaven Memorial Hospital Stroke Support Group 2:30 p.m.–4:00 pm., Conference Room 2A, free., 631-654-7240.

**August 27-September 13**—Gateway's The Producers, Patchogue Theatre, 631-286-1133.

**Saturday, Sunday, August 23-24**—Fire Island National Seashore ferry excursion to Barrett Beach (weather permitting), leaves Watch Hill Ferry Terminal, Patchogue 9:30 a.m., departs Barrett Beach at 3:30 p.m., 631-475-1665.

**Wednesday, September 10**—Brookhaven Memorial Hospital Stroke Support Group 2:30 pm -4:00 pm. Conference Room 2A. Free. To register or for additional info call 631-654-7240.

**Saturday, September 13**—Soul-Food Coffee House, United Methodist Church of Patchogue, music by Nightsong, 8:00 p.m., \$5, 631-475-0381.

**Sunday, September 14**—BMHMC Annual Hospice Cocktail Party and Food Extravaganza at the Bellport home of Gordon and Carol Lenz, 631-687-4483.

**Friday, September 19**—Legend of Rock, 7:30 p.m., Patchogue Theatre, \$30, \$25, & \$22, 631-207-1313.

**Saturday, September 20**—Scrabble Crossword Game Tournament sponsored by the Town of Brookhaven Parks Recreation and Sports and Cultural

Resources at Henrietta Acampora Recreation Center, Blue Point, 9:00a.m.–5:00 p.m., pre-registration required by 4:00 p.m., Sept. 1, 631-363-5193.

**Tuesday, September 22**—Shaolin Kung Fu Studios presents Kung Fu Fitness at the Pat-Med Library between 4:30-5:30 p.m. Open to children in K-5th grade. 631-205-1590.

**Saturday, October 4**—2nd Annual Town of Brookhaven Women's Conference "Be All That You Can Be" 8:30 a.m.–3:00 p.m., Brookhaven Town Hall, 631-698-2074.

**Saturday, October 4**—The Shenole Latimer Quartet "In the Key of LIVE". 8:00 p.m., Patchogue Theatre, \$35, \$25 & \$15, 631-207-1313.

**Monday October 6 and 20**—Shaolin Kung Fu Studios presents Kung Fu Fitness at the Pat-Med Library between 4:30-5:30. Open to children in K-5th grade. 631-205-1590.

**Wednesday, October 8**—Brookhaven Memorial Hospital Stroke Support Group 2:30 p.m.–4:00 p.m., Conference Room 2A, free, 631-654-7240.

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organizations provided help during the week.

The Chamber manned a hospitality desk at the site throughout the week. Our thanks to Karen Ferb (Patchogue Garden Club) and grandson Thomas, Elaine Borowski (Civic Member), Dina Chrils (Patchogue-Medford Library, Pilot Club), Catherine Olinger (Pilot Club, Mercy Center), Dorothy Denonn (Pilot Club), Donna Boyle (YMCA), Linda Tabatchnik (Pilot Club), Fran Wiener (Pilot Club), Elaine McKibbin.

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**FedEx Ground**, Paul Groh,  
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Holbrook, NY 11741, 218-4430.

**Goodman Financial  
Group/Metlife**, Patricia Darienzo/Jay  
Goodman, 300 Motor Parkway, Suite  
105, Hauppauge, NY 11788, 631-793-  
5729.

**J & R's Steak House**, Julie  
Stamatatos, 32 West Main Street,  
Patchogue, NY 11772, 631-475-9200.

**Amy Catherine Keyes**, *Civic*, 47  
Smith Street, Patchogue, NY 11772,  
631-258-5646.

**Brian Koppelman, D.D.S.**, 31  
Oak Street Suite #2, Patchogue, NY  
11772, 631-475-1532.

**Mary Kay**, Avette Ware, 508 S.  
Ocean Avenue, Patchogue, NY 11772,  
631-289-4984.

**South Shore Classics, Inc.**,  
Mary E. Phillips, *Music & SAT  
Education*, 657 Montauk Hwy., Oakdale,  
NY 11769, 631-244-4512.

**United Cell Phones**, Paul S.  
Rosen, *Sprint Store*, 33 East Main Street,  
Patchogue, NY 11772, 631-583-3030.

## Health Insurance

The Chamber has been working  
on affordable ways to meet members'  
Health Insurance needs. Jim Space is  
heading up that effort. For information  
on this program, call Jim at 631-475-  
1247. He will help you with options  
that are available from our member  
agencies to best meet your needs.

## AA5 Reviews Are In

The Maple Avenue  
Neighborhood Watch Gazette is a  
Patchogue based blog  
(mapleavenuenw.blogspot.com) that  
periodically comments on local events.

An entry after our latest Alive  
After Five® was very favorable. To  
quote: "This is what life is like in  
Rome, Paris, Austria and Munich; and  
it has finally found it's way to  
Patchogue".

Thanks.

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## Save Dates (from page 2)

**Saturday, October 11**—Soul-Food Coffee House,  
music by In-Not-Of, United Methodist Church of Patchogue,  
8:00 p.m., \$5, 631-475-0381.

**Thursday, October 16**—United Methodist Church  
of Patchogue Chinese Auction, VFW Hall, 31 Horseblock  
Rd., Centereach, 631-475-0381.

**Friday-Sunday, October 17-19, October 24-26,  
October 31-November 2**—Haunted Pirates Cove, West  
Bank Marina, 31 Baker Place, Patchogue. For times and  
admission call 631-804-0595.

**Sunday, October 19**—The American Cancer  
Society's Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk at The  
Boardwalk at Jones Beach State Park, Parking Fields 4 & 5,  
Registration and start, 8:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m., 631-300 3161.

**Thursday, October 23**—Shaolin Kung Fu Studios  
presents Stress Relief Seminar for adults at Longwood  
Public Library between 7:00-9:00 p.m., 631-205-1590.

**Saturday, October 25**—Hammer of the Gods, The  
Led Zeppelin Experience at the Patchogue Theatre, 8 p.m.  
Tickets \$57, \$47, \$37 & \$27, 631-207-1313.

**Saturday, October 25**—Oktoberfest, Kiwanis Club  
of Patchogue, Greek Orthodox Church, 430 Sheep Pasture  
Rd., Pt. Jefferson, 5:00–10:00 p.m., 516-527-5326.

**Saturday, November 8**—Soul-Food Coffee  
House, music by The Spirtlifters, United Methodist Church of  
Patchogue, 8:00 p.m., \$5, 631-475-0381.

**Tuesday, November 11**—Veterans Day Service,  
Four Corners, 11:00 a.m.

**Wednesday, November 12**—Brookhaven  
Memorial Hospital Stroke Support Group 2:30 p.m.–4:00  
p.m., Conference Room 2A, free, 631-654-7240.

**Saturday, November 15**—United Methodist  
Church of Patchogue Holiday Crafts Fair, 10:00 a.m.–5:00  
p.m., 631-475-0381.

**Saturday, November 15**—Brookhaven Memorial  
Hospital Medical Center's Hospital Ball, Cradle of Aviation  
Musuem, 631-687-4483.

**Sunday, November 23**—Patchogue Boat Parade,  
on the Patchogue River, 6:00 p.m. Boats decorated for the  
holidays. Viewing at Fire Island National Seashore Ferry

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### Gail Hoag, Executive Director

Terminal on West Avenue and the Brookhaven Town  
Sandspit Marina on Brightwood Street and restaurants and  
marinas along the river, 631-475-0121.

**Saturday, November 29**—Main Street Christmas  
Parade, Patchogue, 6:00 p.m., with Community Christmas  
tree lighting at Capital One Plaza, 116 East Main Street, 631-  
475-4302

**Thursday, December 4**—Brookhaven Memorial  
Hospital Medical Center Hospice Tree Lighting.

**Saturday, December 6**—Breakfast with Santa,  
9:00-11:00 a.m., \$5.00 per person. Picture with Santa, 475-  
0121, sponsored by the Greater Patchogue Chamber of  
Commerce, Inc.

**Sunday, December 7**—Patchogue Garden Club  
Christmas House tour.

**Wednesday, December 10**—Brookhaven  
Memorial Hospital Stroke Support Group 2:30 p.m.–4:00  
p.m., Conference Room 2A, free, 631-654-7240.

**Saturday, December 13**—Soul-Food Coffee  
House, music by Frank Rendo, United Methodist Church of  
Patchogue, 8:00 p.m., \$5, 631-475-0381.

**Sunday, December 21**—Community Menorah  
lighting, Capital One Plaza, 116 East Main Street,  
Patchogue, 6 p.m. 631-475-0121.

## Meetings

**August 5**—Foundation, 8:00  
a.m., office.

**August 7**—Grants Committee,  
10:00 a.m., office.

**August 12**—Executive  
Committee, Noon., office.

**August 19**—Board of Directors  
8:00 a.m., Temple Beth El.

**August 26**—Open General  
Meeting, Village Beach Club, 8:00 a.m.