Greater Patchogue Chamber of Commerce



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Brian Foley is Parade Grand Marshal



Newly elected Brookhaven Town Supervisor Brian X. Foley will be the Grand Marshal for the Patchogue St. Patrick's Parade

on March 26. The parade kicks off on East Main Street at 2 p.m.

A native of Blue Point, Brian, whose father John is a previous Grand Marshal, served for twelve years as a Suffolk County Legislator before being elected Town Supervisor in November.

His community service includes the Greater Patchogue Chamber of Commerce as well as the Brookhaven Roe YMCA Board of Directors, and the Brookhaven Memorial Hospital Advisory Board., He is Past President Suffolk County Community Mediation Center, Past Chairperson Sunrise District Boy Scouts of America, and Suffolk County Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

He lives in Blue Point with his wife and two children.

New On Main Street



Gallo Tropical at 3 East Main Street, has expanded with the addition of a new dining room behind the folding doors on the right. The doors provide for fresh air dining. The owners are Carlos and David Bustamante.



The Bull & Bear, a bar and restaurant, has opened in the 114 West Main Street space that was previously Donato's. The Campbell family is the owner.



Finest Fitness, a well equipped gym, is open at 208 East Main Street. The owners are Steve and Violet Curran.

Save These Dates

Thursday, Feb. 2—St. Joseph's College presents a lecture on life, death and meaning of Dietrich Bonheffer by Dr. Geoffrey Kelly of La Salle University in Philadelphia at 12:30 p.m. and &:30 p.m. in McCann Conference Room in O'Connor Hall at 155 W. Roe Blvd. Patchogue. Free and open to the public. For information call 447-5864.

Sunday, Feb. 5—Little Toby Walker Plays the Blues, Patchogue Mediord Library, all are welcome, 2:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 7—Chamber Networking, Harbor Crab, 116 Division Street, Patchogue, 6-8 p.m., cash bar. Call 475-0121.

Wednesday, Feb. 8—Update on Women's Health Management, Speaker: Dr. Patricia Ardise from University Hospital at Stony Brook, Patchogue Mediord Library, 7 p.m., 654-4700.

Thursday, Feb. 9—Rotary Club of Patchogue "Spring into Fashion" 6:30 p.m.-10:30 p.m. at West Lake Inn, 322 W. Main St., Patchogue. For more information call Theresa Puglia at 803-0268.

Saturday, Feb. 11—LASER SPECTACU-LAR with the music of Pink Floyd choreographed with colorful lasers and lighting effects, Patchogue Theatre, 7:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m., 207-1313.

Sunday, Feb. 12—All School Community Talent Show, Patchogue Thealre, 7:00pm, 207-1313.

.Saturday, Feb. 18—A Valentine Legends of Rock and Roll concert, featuring a Billy Joel, Steely Dan and Chicago Tribule, Patchogue Theatre, 7:30 p.m., 207-1313.

Wednesday, Feb. 22—Celebrating 25 Years of Patchogue-Mediord Library on Main Street, refreshments between 1-3p.m., Amnesty from all fines, Raffe...

Friday, Feb. 24—Raposo and Last Week in Concert, also featuring Stars in December, SGT, Steal The Air, Patchogue Theatre, 7 p.m., 207-1313.

Saturday, Feb. 25—Ronan Tynan with the Hibernian Festival Singers, Patchogue Theatre, 8 p.m., 475-0121.

Sunday, Feb. 26—Pilot Club Annual Theatre Party, 'Dream a Little Dream'', Theater Three, Port Jefferson, reception 1 p.m., show 3 p.m., 286-1659.

Tuesday, Feb.28—Chamber General Meeting, TBA

Saturday, Mar. 4—"At the Hop" Golden Oldies Spectacular presented by Nickey B 7:30 p.m. at the Patchogue Theatre, staning: Danny and the Juniors, Cleveland Still and the Dubs, Randy and the Rainbows featuring Randy Safuto, The Del Vikings, Freddie Scott, The Firefies, The Wrenditions and special guests, The Duprees. For tickets and information call 516 822-9611. VIP tickets: \$43.00, General Admission: \$38.00.

Sunday, Mar. 5—Atlantic Wind Symphony , Patchogue Theatre, 3 p.m.

Thursday, Mar. 9—Free Concert, United States Air Force Band of Liberty's Ambassador Jazz Ensemble, Patchogue Theatre, 7 p.m., 207-1313.

Thursday, Mar. 9 —Paichogue Garden Club, Third Annual Think Spring Luncheon, Medilerranean Manor, 10:30 a.m. Basket Auction, Creative Pot Plantings, Special Guest Speaker: Gisbert Auwaerter, \$32, 289-5305.

Friday, Mar. 10—Murder at the Speakeasy, at 7:30 p.m. at Vila Lombardi, Holbrook, presented by the Woman's Club of Patchogue. \$65.00 per person. For tickets call Donna Minardi 631 654-1117 or Lynne Marchiano, 331-2444.

Saturday, Mar. 11, 5:30 p.m.—St. Patrick Comed Beef & Roast Chicken Dinner, United Methodist Church of Patchogue, \$10, 475-0381.

Thursday, Mar.16—Grants Committee, Chamber office, 10 a.m., 475-0121.

Friday, March 17—25th Annual Long Island Community Mental Health Awards Luncheon presented by the Federation of Organizations. For more information calt 631 669-5355.

Saturday, Mar. 18—Jazz Band Showcase, Paichogue Theaire, 7 p.m., 207-1313.

Sunday, Mar. 19—May the Road Rise to Meet Ye 5K Run, St. Frances de Sales, Division St. and S. Ocean Ave., 9:30 a.m., 475-4302.

Sunday, Mar. 19—Hansel and Gretel, Palchogue Theatre, 3 p.m., 207-1313.

Tuesday, Mar. 21 — Village Election

Sunday, Mar. 26—St. Patrick Parade, Main Street. 2 p.m., 475-4302.

Tuesday, Mar. 28—General Meeting, Advertising/Media Showcase, Patchogue Mediord

Library, 7-9 p.m., 475-0121

Thursday, Mar. 30—Brookhaven Chamber of Commerce Coalition, Extreme Small Business Make Over Networking Event, Town of Brookhaven. Calt 475-5019.

Saturday, Apr. 1—Zebra and The Good Rais, Patchoque Theaire, 8 p.m., 207-1313.

Saturday, Apr. 8—The Led Zeppelin Experience with Hammer of the Gods, Patchogue Theatre, 8 p.m. 207-1313.

Friday, Apr. 21—Storyteller Bill Harley, Patchogue Theatre, 7 p.m., 207-1313.

Friday, Apr. 28–May 13—What the Rabbi Saw, Clare Rose Playhouse, St. Joseph's College, 654-0199.

Saturday, May 20—Arthniis Foundation's Arthniis Walk 2206, at Belmont State Park, starting at 10:00 a.m., 869-5181.

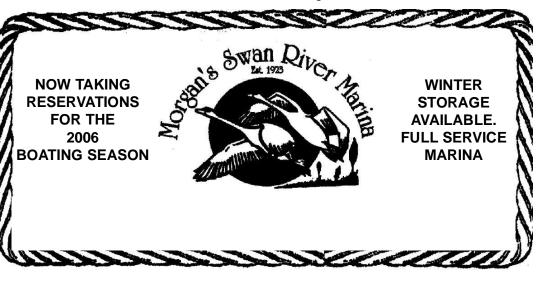
Sunday, June 4—Atlantic Wind Symphony , Patchogue Theatre, 3 p.m., 207-1313.

Friday June 9–29—Annual Foster Grandparent Program Senior Expo & Luncheon presented by the Federation of Organizations, 669-5355.

Saturday, June 24—Golden Oldies Spectacular at the Patchogue Theater at 7:30 p.m. staning: Darlene Love, The Chaperones with Vilo Balsamo, (Former lead singer of Vilo and the Salutations), Eugene Pilt & The Jive Five, Norman Fox & The Rob Roys, Lenny Cocco & The Chimes, The Cleftones, and Rick Virga and All The Kings Men with his Elvis Las Vegas Revue, 516 822-9611.

Friday, July 7-23—Over the River and Through the Woods, Clare Rose Playhouse, St. Joseph's College, 654-0199.

Friday, Oct.20–4—Annual New York City "Journey of Hope" Community Mental Health Awards Luncheon, presented by the Federation of Organizations, 475-0121.



New Members in January

Finest Fitness Health & Sports Club, Steve & Violet Curran, Gym, 208 East Main St., Patchogue, NY 11772, 730-8820, www.finestfitness.net.

Patchogue Theatre for the Performing Arts, Clara Iacopelli, Performing Arts Center, P.O. Box 2400, Patchogue, NY 11772, 207-1313, www.patchoguetheatre.com.

Thursday's Child Inc., Gregory Noone, Charity, 80 Terry St., Patchogue NY 11772, 447-5044, www.thursdayschildofli.org.

Main Street Kiosks

The sidewalk kiosks are great places to advertise events. They are now being maintained on a regular schedule by Nancy Schaefer.

Please drop your posters off at the office by the first and third Thursdays of each month.



Customers with Disabilities

Making it possible for customers with disabilities to purchase your goods and services is an important part of complying with the Americans with Disabilities Act. This article (adapted from the ADA website) focuses on communication.

Under the ADA, businesses are expected to communicate effectively with customers who have vision, hearing, or speech disabilities, and are responsible for taking the steps that are needed for effective communication. Business owners or managers must decide what assistance is appropriate, depending on the nature of the communication and the customer's normal method of communication.

The rules are intentionally flexible. Different businesses may need different solutions, because the nature of their communications are different. Also, different customers need different solutions, because the nature of their disabilities are different. Practical solutions

The aim is to figure out practical solutions that allow you to communicate with customers who have disabilities, fit with your type of business, and comply with the ADA.

For relatively simple and straightforward transactions

You can speak or read information to a customer who is blind or has low vision.

You can use facial or body gestures that express information, point to information, or write notes to communicate with a customer who is deaf or hard of hearing.

You can read notes written by a customer who has a speech disability, or read or listen to the words communicated by the customer's 'communication board."

Customers who are blind may also need assistance in finding an item or in maneuvering through your business's space. For more extensive or complex communications

For people who are blind or have low vision, printed information can be provided in large print, in Braille, on a computer disk, or in an audio format (such as an audio CD, cassette, or MP3 player), depending on what is usable for the particular customer. A magnifying glass can also help a person with low vision to read printed materials.

For people who are deaf or hard of hearing, spoken information can be provided using a sign language interpreter, an oral interpreter, a printed transcript of the words that are usually spoken, or a service called 'fealtime captioning' which is explained later.

Usually the customer will tell you what technique he or she needs or will ask which ones you provide. Or, you can ask what technique he or she normally uses.

What visual information does your business provide?

Businesses that display merchandise, labels, or signs (but do not hand out printed materials) can usually conduct business successfully by speaking or reading information to a customer who is blind or has low vision. They can also assist a customer who is blind by locating and retrieving a product from a display shelf, describing the visual features of a product or the layout of an area, or helping the customer locate where to sign the credit card slip. Most businesses fall in this category.

Businesses that hand out simple printed materials have several options. A restaurant, for example, can have its waiters read the menu to a diner who is blind or can provide an audio recording of the menu. For customers who have low vision, the restaurant can have some menus printed in larger print or can keep a magnifying glass available for customer use (and a flashlight in low light situations). These techniques also work for small brochures, flyers, and other simple printed materials that are provided to customers. When these techniques are offered, it is not necessary to provide the materials in Braille.

Businesses that rely on printed materials to communicate extensive or specialized information must be prepared to deal with customers who use different techniques for absorbing printed information. Materials such as sales contracts or insurance policies should be made available in alternative ways, such as on a computer disk, in an audio format, in Braille, or in large print, so the customer can adequately study the information.

The important thing is to find out what technique(s) a particular customer can use.

What oral information does your business provide?

For short, simple conversations, most businesses can successfully communicate with a customer who is deaf or hard of hearing by using gestures and notes.

For standardized tours and similar activities, businesses can provide a printed transcript of the words that are usually spoken, so the customer can follow along during the tour.

For legal or medical consultations; house, loan, or auto negotiations; training programs; and other extensive conversations, businesses must be prepared to deal with customers who use different techniques for absorbing oral information.

Generally, a sign language interpreter is required for complex communications when the customer's primary method of communication is sign language.

An oral interpreter may be required to communicate with a customer who has been trained to speechread (read lips). Normally, only about a quarter of English words can be seen on the mouth. An oral interpreter uses specialized mouth and hand gestures to reinforce what the speaker is saying to the customer.

Many people who lose their hearing later in life never learn sign language or speechreading. When it is necessary to communicate orally with a customer, face the customer, speak clearly, do not cover your

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mouth or chew gum, do not turn away while speaking, be sure your face is well-lighted, minimize background noise and distractions if possible, use gestures or point to printed information to reinforce what you are saying, and rephrase any statements the person does not seem to understand.

Obtaining visual and oral communication services

You can ask customers to notify you in advance if they need any specialized services. It is a good idea to familiarize yourself with agencies that provide these services in your area, so that you will be prepared when the need arises.

Some services, such as an audio recording of a menu or a large print version of a flyer, can be prepared inhouse with a business's own equipment.

You may not charge the customer extra to cover the cost of any services needed to communicate effectively. You should consider them as part of your overall cost of doing business.

You cannot require customers to bring their own interpreters. However, if a customer prefers to bring his or her own interpreter, the ADA permits you to accept this arrangement, if agreed upon in advance. In a case like this, you are responsible for paying the interpreter's fees. If a customer shows up with an interpreter unarranged, you are not obliged to use or pay for the interpreter's services, unless you agree to do so.

The ADA has limits on how far a business must go in providing effective communication. Businesses are not expected to provide any services that would 'fundamentally alter''the business's goods and services or that would cause an 'tindue burden'! GREATER PATCHOGUE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, INC. 15 North Ocean Ave. Patchogue, NY 11772 Phone: 631-475-0121 Fax: 631-475-1599

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