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SoMo?



The artsy area of Manhattan south of Houston Street is called SoHo. So maybe the arty area south of Montauk Highway in Patchogue will become SoMo.

The chances that an art area of Patchogue will develop increased as Patchogue Village gave its final imprimatur to the ArtSpace project on Terry Street with approval by the Village Trustees on Jan. 28 of a special use permit to allow apartments in the area. Previous approvals came in January from the Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals and Architectural Review Board.

Local reaction to the project, which will create about 40 apartment units, restricted to bona fide artists, in a 60,000 square foot five and three story building, has been almost completely favorable. Some state and county approvals are still needed to complete the project's financing. Expectations are that ground breaking will get underway this year.

Patchogue Restaurants Sparkle



Grace Jacquemai owns Hazy Moon along with Mark McHenry.

Twelve years ago Patchogue's business district restaurant development was just beginning with construction underway on West Main Street's BrickHouse Brewery & Restaurant.

Today, the BrickHouse is as busy as ever, rolling out a new menu, while other nearby offerings keep springing up.

A new sushi and seafood restaurant, Hazy Moon, is set to open this month near the Theatre on East Main Street. Another cafe on the south side of East Main Street is also in the works, and J&R's Steakhouse on West Main Street should have its long awaited opening before long.

Meanwhile, other restaurants have received recent recognition.

Mangia Mangia, next to the Theatre, made Newsday's list of the top 40 Nassau-Suffolk Italian restaurants, noting that "A commitment to organic ingredients combined with a keen sense of how best to use them elevates chef-owner Angelo Galeotafiore's cooking above the everyday."

PeraBell, on West Main has also been favorably reviewed in Newsday and listed among top 10 Long Island restaurants.

In addition, Bobbique, on West Main Street, was mentioned favorably in another recent Newsday article about Patchogue.

And as we mentioned last month, Dragon & Phoenix, on South Ocean Avenue, has been named, in a competition, among the top 100 Rising Stars of U.S. Chinese Restaurants. Owner John Zheng has also opened a takeout Dragon & Phoenix Express at 701 Rt. 112.

These other member restaurants complete Patchogue's great downtown dining experience: Lawan's Authentic Thai, Reese's, Del Fiore Pizza, Gino's and The Old Olive Tree.

Save These Dates

Wednesday, February 6—Nina and Her Band & Johnnie Lee Jordan, Live in the Lobby, Patchogue Theatre, 7:00 p.m., 631-207-1313.

Wednesdays, February 6 & 13—Feng Shui, Patchogue-Medford Library, 54-60 East Main St., Sign up at Main Desk, 7:00 p.m., 631-654-4700.

Thursday, February 7—Rotary Club of Patchogue Fashion Show, West Lake Inn, 6:30 p.m., 631-207-2040.

Thursday, February 7—The Homegrown String Band with Roger Silverberg & Hank Stone, Live In The Lobby, Patchogue Theatre, 7:00 p.m., 631-207-1313.

Friday, February 8—Strong Island Sound Basketball Team vs. Jersey Express, Suffolk Community College, Selden, 7:15 p.m. Tickets at www.strongislandsound.com.

Saturday, February 9—Strong Island Sound Basketball Team vs. First State Fusion, Suffolk Community College, Selden, 7:15 p.m. Tickets at www.strongislandsound.com.

Saturday, February 9—Patchogue Lions Club "Polar Bear Swim for Sight". Patchogue Beach Club, Noon, \$10 pre-registration by Feb. 5 to reserve a sweatshirt. Bring a minimum \$40 in sponsorships (\$50 total).

Saturday, February 9—Jen Chapin, Chris Ayer, Madi Diaz, Patchogue Theatre, 7:30 p.m., \$33/\$22/\$12, 631-207-1313.

Sunday, February 10—Buddy Merriam, Back Road, Patchogue-Medford Library, 54-60 East Main St., 2:00 p.m., 631-654-4700.

Tuesday, February 12—Talk by Psychology Professor Andy Quinn: Applications of Inattentional Blindness, St. Joseph's College, Shea Conference Center, O'Conner Hall, 12:40 p.m., free, light lunch, 631-447-3200.

Wednesday, February 13—Small Business Development Center Workshop, Secrets to Trade Show Success, John A. Hill, Presenter, LI High Technology Incubator, Stony Brook, 9:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m., Registration required, 631-632-7176.

Friday, February 15—Strong Island Sound Basketball Team vs. Halifax Rainmen, Suffolk Community College, Selden, 7:15 p.m. Tickets at www.strongislandsound.com.

Friday, February 15—Capitol Steps Comedy Show, Patchogue Theatre, 7:00 p.m., \$45/\$35/\$25, 631-207-1313.

Saturday, February 16—Strong Island Sound Basketball Team vs. Coming Bulldogs, Suffolk Community College, Selden, 8:00 p.m. Tickets at www.strongislandsound.com.

Saturday, February 16—Ronan Tynan, Patchogue Theatre, 8:00 p.m., \$52, 631-207-1313.

Sunday, February 17—Chamber Music Series: L.I. Composer Alliance, Patchogue Theatre, 3:00 p.m., 631-207-1313.

Sunday, February 17—Roadhouse Jesters, CD Release Party, Bobbique, 70 West Main Street, Patchogue, 2:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m., benefit ContractorsforKids.Org, 631-447-7744.

Thursday, February 21—Town of Brookhaven Office of Women's Services, Beginning Genealogy-Finding Your Family Tree, Town Hall Auditorium One Independence Hill, Farmingville. 7:30 p.m.–9:30 p.m., 631-698-2074 to register, free.

February 22–March 9—Violet Music, Clare Rose Playhouse, St. Joseph's College.

Saturday, February 23—Strong Island Sound Basketball Team vs. Coming Bulldogs, Suffolk Community College, Selden, 7:15 p.m. Tickets at www.strongislandsound.com.

Saturday, February 23—Mickey B's Winter Spectacular, Patchogue Theatre, 7:30 p.m., \$46/\$41, 631-207-1313.

Sunday, February 24—Passing of the Sash and Soda Bread Contest, BrickHouse Brewery, in the Loft, 1:00 p.m., 631-475-0121.

Sunday, February 24—Pushcart Players, Peter & The Wolf, 3:00, \$8, 631-207-1313.

Sunday, February 24—Pilot Club of Patchogue Annual Theatre Party & Auction, Theatre III, Port Jefferson, Almost Heaven: The Songs of John Denver, \$28 for reception & performance.

Sunday, March 2—Atlantic Wind Symphony, Patchogue Theatre, 3:00 p.m., 631-207-1313.

Thursday, March 6—Senator Caesar Trunzo's Small Business Networking & Expo, The Manson, St. John's College, 500 Montauk Hwy., Oakdale, 4:00–7:00 p.m., free, 631-360-3708.

Thursday, March 6—Business Solutions Roundtable, Small Business Development Center, monthly meeting, LI High Technology Incubator Building, Stony Brook University, 8:30 a.m.–10:30 a.m., 631-632-1407.

Thursday, March 6—Smile Pretty Misery & Mike Jason, Live in the Lobby, Patchogue Theatre, 7:00 p.m., 631-207-1313.

Friday, March 7—Federation of Organizations 27th annual Long Island Community Mental Health Awards Luncheon, 631-669-5355.

Friday, March 7—17th Annual Cultural Arts Dinner Dance, Late night Comedy, presented by the PTA Council, Sunset Harbor, 7:00 P.M. – midnight. \$45.00/pp or \$85.00/couple. 631-475-5806, 631-654-1767, 631-447-2928.

Saturday, March 8—St. Patrick's Dinner, United Methodist Church of Patchogue, 5:00 p.m., 631-475-0381.

Saturday March 8—United Methodist Church of Patchogue Soul-Food Coffee House, music by Frank Rendo, 7:30 p.m., \$5, 631-475-0381.

Tuesday March 11—One act play: From the Fires: Voices of the Holocaust, Congregational Church of Patchogue, 7:30 p.m., free, 631-475-1235.

Thursday, March 13—Patchogue Garden Club Luncheon, Mediterranean Manor, 10:30 a.m., 631-289-0867.

Sunday, March 16—Palm Sunday Breakfast, United Methodist Church of Patchogue, 8:00–9:30 a.m., 631-475-0381.

Sunday, March 16—Star Shine 2008, All School Talent Show for Patchogue Medford, Grades 1-12, Patchogue Theatre, 7:00 p.m., Auditions: January 29 & 30. Audition forms and information available at Theatre., 631-207-1313.

Tuesday, March 18—26th Annual Long Island Bartender's & Chef's Ball, Suffolk County College Culinary Arts/ Hospitality Center, 5:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. \$20.00 per person. 631-476-2723.

Thursday, March 20—Brookhaven Chambers of Commerce Coalition Networking & Trade Show, Brookhaven Town Auditorium, 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Friday, March 21–Saturday, March 22—Easter Plant Sale, United Methodist Church of Patchogue, 8:30 a.m.–4:00 p.m., 631-475-0381.

Saturday, March 29—Pink Floyd LaserSpectacular, Patchogue Theatre, 7:30 & 10:30 p.m., 631-207-1313.

Sunday, March 30—May the Road Rise to Meet Ye 5K Run, Terry & Rider Streets parking lot, precedes parade, 475-0121.

Sunday, March 30—St. Patrick Parade on Main Street, Patchogue, 2 p.m., 631-475-0121.

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Hazy Moon, Mark McHenry, Restaurant, 49 East Main St., Patchogue, NY 11772, 631-569-2680.

Law Office of Stephen J. McGiff, Steven J. McGiff, *Attorney*, 31 Oak St., Patchogue, NY 11772, 631-730-8686.

Suffolk Federal Credit Union, Mary Messa, *Credit Union*, 3681 Horseblock Road, Medford, NY 11763, 631-924-8000, www.suffolkfcu.org

Man of the Year

Steve Gill who heads the Patchogue Cemetary Restoration Committee (a chamber member) is the L.I. Advance Man of the Year. Congratulations.

Meetings

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

Feb. 19—Chamber Board, Temple Beth El, 8:00 a.m.

Feb. 24—Passing of the Sash & Soda Bread Contest, BrickHouse Brewery, 1:00 p.m.

Feb. 26—Chamber General Meeting, TBA, Noon, Speaker: Brookhave Supervisor Brian Foley.

Feb. 28—Open meeting on Tritec West Main St. development plans, Patchogue Theatre, 7:00 p.m.

More on this later, but Alive After Five® will run this summer for five consecutive Fridays, July 18–August 15.

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Philharmonic Welcomed



Johann Sebastian Bach and his second wife Anna Magdelana. P. I. Tchaikovsky also appeared.

things to say about Patchogue in general.

Also noted in the review were the costumed composer characters in the Theatre lobby, which the review attributed to “the town fathers”.

Actually, the credit should go to Tom Keegan whose Greater Patchogue Foundation Cultural Heritage Committee made the arrangements. Four restaurants chipped in the cost in return for diner greetings at each place before the show: Mangia Mangia, BrickHouse, Dragon & Phoenix and Hazy Moon (which had a special pre-opening party). The actors were also employed the last time the Philharmonic was here and likely will be again.

The L.I. Philharmonic made its second appearance at the Patchogue Theatre on Jan. 25 and has a third scheduled for April. A very favorable review in Newsday says the Philharmonic seems to have found a new home. The review also had nice

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