**Greater Patchogue Chamber of Commerce** 



# **County Money Would Help Four Corners Development**



Suffolk
County
Executive
Steve Levy
has given his
backing to a
\$3.75 million
county
money contribution
toward the
\$130 million
TRITEC
West Main

Street redevelopment project. The County Legislature is expected to approve the expenditure which will allow 67 of the 240 apartments in the complex to be subsidized as workforce housing.

The project also includes a 106 room Hilton Garden Inn and 28,000 square feet of retail space. 12,000 square feet of office space in the Wedgewood building is also being renovated and the Wedgewood building will get a new facade.

An economic study commissioned by TRITEC predicts a \$3.5 million injection into the local economy with 2300 temporary jobs and 400 full time. Demolition of the old Swezey's building is expected to begin in late April.

### **Chamber Sides With Walmart Opposition**



Proposed Walmart site is at top center with La Bonne Vie development adjacent, Hospital Road at left and Brookhaven Memorial Hospital to the south at bottom.

The Board of Directors of the Greater Patchogue Chamber of Commerce has formally approved a resolution of opposition to Walmart plans to build a 120,000 square foot store at the intersection of Hospital Road and Sunrise Highway in East Patchogue. A letter to the Brookhaven Town Planning Board, signed by President Charles Baker, cites traffic problems compounded by the inadequate Hospital Road bridge over Sunrise Highway (a major entrance to Brookhaven Hospital) as well as environmental impact on residents at the adjacent La Bonne Vie, with the present green space replaced by a vast parking lot. Impact on struggling area businesses is also cited.

The letter concludes: "In short, we see the proposed project as ill-conceived and frankly, a dangerous threat to the downtown business community of Patchogue. As representative of businesses, we in the Chamber of Commerce are sensitive to the rights of property owners to

make use of their real estate. However, this has to be done in consideration of at least these issues: traffic, environment and impact on our local businesses. At this time, in this place, this project is simply wrong."

The Planning Board will be considering the Walmart application at its Town Hall meeting on Mar. 9 which begins at 4:00 p.m. The East Patchogue Walmart Free Coalition, an opposition group, will also hold an informational meeting at BrickHouse Brewery on Feb. 5 beginning at 6:00 p.m.

#### Save These Dates

Thursday, February 5—The Forensics, special guests The Rupert Waites Trio and Howard Seal, Live in the Lobby at the Patchogue Theatre 7:30 p.m., \$10.00, 631-207-1313.

Fridays, February 6, 13, 20, March 6, 13, 20— Martial Arts Classes, Henrietta Acampora Recreation Center, 39 Montauk Hwy., Blue Point. 7:45 p.m.–8:45 p.m., \$50 for a 6 week session. 631-451-TOWN.

Saturdays, February 7 & 21—Certified Management Accountant Review Program at St. Joseph's College 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., 631-447-3259.

Thursday, February 10—Information Session: Graduate Studies (P.G.S.) at St. Joseph's College, McGann Conference Center, O'Conner Hall. 6:30 p.m., 631-447-3252.

Wednesday, February 11—Valentine's Day Craft Class, Town of Brookhaven, Henrietta Acampora Recreation Center, 39 Montauk Hwy., Blue Point. 4:30 p.m. Children 5 ages and up. \$5 per child, pre-registration is required. 631-363-5194.

Sunday, February 15—Bridget Kibbey, harpist, Patchogue Theatre Adults \$15, Seniors and Students \$12, Full season tickets available., 631-207-1313.

Friday, February 20—6th Annual Ronan Tynan Concert, Patchoque Theatre, 8 p.m., 631-207-1313.

Saturday, February 21—Mickey B's Rock Around The Clock Oldies Spectacular with Gary U.S. Bonds, Patchogue Theatre, 7:00 P.M. \$39-\$75. 631-207-1313.

Sunday, February 22—Passing of the Sash & Irish soda Bread Contest, BrickHouse Brewery, 1:00 p.m., sponsored by the Greater Patchogue Foundation, Inc., 631-207-1000.

Sunday, February 22—Polezhayev Piano Duo, "Classics & Broadway Favorites", Patchogue-Medford Library, 2:30 p.m., 631-654-4700.

February 17-March 17—Art Exhibit: War & Peace: Posters of Resistance & Inspiration, St. Joseph's College Council for the Arts at the Board Room, O'Connor Hall. Call for viewing times. Free and open to the public, 631-447-3258 or visit www.sjcny.edu.

February 20 – March 3 — The Children's Hour, Clare Rose Playhouse, St. Joseph's College, 8:00 p.m. except February 22 & March 3, at 3:00 p.m. Call Box Office 631-654-0199.

Saturday, February 21—Canine Companions for Independence Graduation Ceremony, Hyatt Regency Wind Watch, Hauppague, 2:30 p.m., 631-232-9800.

Sunday, February 22—Pilot Club of Patchogue Theatre Party, "Ring of Fire", Theater Three, Port Jefferson, 1:00 p.m. lunch, 3:00 p.m. show, 631-289-2025.

Tuesday, March 3—Liberal Arts Colloquium: "Feminism and Popular Music from the 1960's to Now," St. Joseph's College, Shea Conference Center, O'Connor Hall, 12:40 p.m., free, 631-447-3200.

March 4 & 5—St. Joseph's College chapter of

"Keep a Child Alive" fundraiser a Clue Murder Mystery, McGann Conference Center, 7 p.m., \$25.00, Gianna Hooper at 631-447-3334.

Thursday, March 5—10th Annual Chinese Auction to benefit Patchogue Cooperative Nursery School, South Ocean Middle School, So Ocean Avenue, Patchogue. Doors open 6:00 p.m. Calling begins 7:30 p.m. Over 100 prizes, 50/50 raffle and more! Admission is \$10. Table reservations are available, 631-475-6131.

Thursday, March 5 and 7 following Thursdays—8 week course: "Understanding the American Youth Culture from a Biblical Perspective", St. Joseph's College, 7:00–8:30 p.m., \$96, 637-447-3261.

Fridays, March 6, 13, 20, April 3, 17, 24—
"Stepping Easy" with Ellen & Marty, Country Western Line
Dancing Instruction, Town of Brookhaven, Henrietta
Acampora Recreation Center, 39 Montauk Hwy., Blue Point.
1:15 p.m.—3:15 p.m. \$25/6 week session. 631-451-TOWN.

Friday, March 6—Federation of Organizations 28th Annual Long Island Community Mental Health Awards Luncheon, 12:00 p.m., Huntington Hilton Hotel, Melville, 631-669-5355 ext 1102.

Saturdays, March 7 & 28—St. Joseph's College Information Session: Adults Returning to College, Shea Conference Center, O'Connor Hall, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., 631-447-3252.

Monday, March 9 and 3 following Mondays—4 week Genealogy Course: Who Are You?", St. Joseph's College, 7:00–8:30 p.m., \$48, 637-447-3261.

Thursday, March 12—Chamber Business Networking, Briarcliffe College, 7:00-9:00 p.m. Gina Coppola.

Thursday, March 12—Bangers & Mash, Live In The Lobby, Patchogue Theatre, 7:30 p.m., \$10.00, 631-207-1313.

Thursday, March 12—Patchogue Garden Club Luncheon 10:30-3:30, The Mediterranean Manor, \$32.00 Lunch. Raffle and Speaker. Call Georgia Dulmovits, 631-289-0867.

Saturday March 14— Health and Safety Fair, Patchogue-Medford Library, 12:00–3:00 p.m., 631-289-2025.

Saturday March 14—L.I. Philharmonic with Guitarist Kenneth Meyer, Patchogue Theatre, 8:00 p.m., 631-207-1313.

Sunday, March 15—The Nelson Riddle Orchestra,

Patchogue Theatre, 3:00 p.m., 631-207-1313.

March 16-April 23— St. Joseph's College "Through Women's Eyes" Juried Art Show, Board Room, O'Connor Hall, free, call for viewing times, 631-447-3258.

Thursday, March 19—St. Joseph's College Liberal Arts Colloquium: "The Changing Iconography of Irish Postal Stamp Designs," Shea Conference Center, O'Connor Hall, 12:40 p.m., Free, 447-3200.

Sunday, March 22—Carducci String Quartet, Patchogue Theatre, 3:00 p.m., 631-207-1313.

 $\label{eq:Friday} \textbf{Friday}, \textbf{March 27} - \textbf{St. Joseph's College Human} \\ \textbf{Resource Conference}.$ 

Saturday, March 28—Lainie Kazan, Patchogue Theatre, 8:00 p.m., 631-207-1313.

Sunday, March 29—Star Shine 2009, All School Variety Show, Patchogue Theatre, 7:00 p.m., auditions Jan. 27, 28, 631-207-1313.

Sunday, March 29—St. Patrick Parade on Main Street (2:00 p.m.) and "May the Road Rise to Meet Ye" 5K (1:55 p.m.) and 1K (1:50 p.m.) runs , 631-207-1000, sponsored by the Greater Patchogue Foundation, Inc.

Tuesday, March 31—St. Joseph's College, Liberal Arts Colloquium: "Selling Art to the World," Shea Conference Center, O'Connor Hall, 12:40 p.m., free, 631-447-3200.

Thursday, April 2—Andrea Wolper, Ken Filliano and Friends Live In The Lobby of the Patchogue Theatre at 7:30 P.M. \$10.00, 631-207-1313.

Saturday, April 4—Jackie, "The Joke Man" Martling at the Patchogue Theatre at 8:00 P.M. Tickets \$35,\$30,\$25,631-207-1313.

Saturday, April 18—L.I. Philharmonic with pianist Andre Watts, Patchogue Theatre, 8:00 p.m., 631-207-1313.

Friday, April 17—The Woman's Club of Patchogue "Kid-Couture; Past and Present" Dinner and Fashion Show, 5:30 p.m., Patchoque Manor, 631-475-1239.

Sunday, April 19—Daria Raotkina, Piano, Patchogue Theatre, 3:00 p.m. Tickets: Adults \$15.00, Seniors & Student \$12. Full season tickets available, 631-207-1313.

Thursday, April 23—The Dr. Reza and Georgianna Clifford Khatib Chair in Comparative Religion Inaugural Lecture, St. Joseph's College, D'Ecclesiis Auditorium, 7:30 p.m. 631-447-8252.

Thursday, April 23—Brookhaven Memorial Hospital Medical Center Women for Brookhaven, Honoree Louise Ebert, West Lake Inn, 6:30 p.m., \$125.00, 654-7759.

April 24-May 10—Having a Wonderful Time, Wish You Were Here, Clare Rose Playhouse, St. Joseph's

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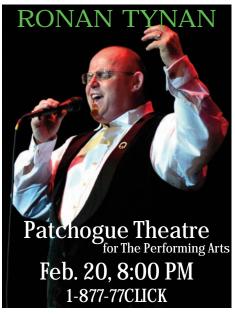
www.generationsmagazine.com.

**Quiznos Sub**, Gary Dasilva, Restaurant, 225 West Main St., Patchogue, NY 11772, 631-207-3613, www.quiznos.com.

**United Storage**, Patricia Flaherty, *Self Storage*, 257 Waverly Ave., Patchogue, NY 11772, 631-758-6666, www.unitedstorage.net.

Chamber Open Networking Wednesday, February 11 CitiBank, 5801 Sunrise Hwy. (Sunvet Mall) Holbrook 5:30-8:00 p.m. RSVP: gabrielle.corsetti@citi.com

Grand Opening
Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
MuchChaChos
75 East Main Street, Patchogue
Monday, February 16, Noon.



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#### **Meetings**

**Feb. 5**—Grants Committee, office 10:00 a.m.

**Feb. 10**—Chamber Executive Committee, office, 8:00 a.m.

**Feb. 17**—Board of Directors, Temple Beth El, 8:00 a.m.

**Feb. 19**—Grants Committee, office 10:00 a.m.



Suffolk County Legislator Jack
Eddington was the guest speaker at the
Chamber's January General Meeting at
the BrickHouse. He described progress
on several area county road projects
and progress toward demolition of the
Plaza Theatre on East Main St.
Eddington sparked efforts toward condemnation of the blighted property. He
also expressed opposition to the
Walmart proposal.



July 17 — July 24 August 7 — August 14



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#### Dates (from page 2)

College, 8:00 p.m., except for April 26, May 3, and 10 at 3:00 p.m. Call Box Office, 631-654-0199.

Saturday, April 25—World T'ai Chi & Oigong Day, Water Tiger School, Shorefront Park, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon. Rain date, Saturday, May 2nd, same location and time. 631-475-5730.

Saturday, April 25—Kansas, Patchogue Theatre, 8:00 p.m., 631-207-1313.

Sunday, April 26—Dr. Doolittle at the Patchogue Theatre, \$10.00., 631-207-1313.

**April 30**—Clare Rose Playhouse fundraiser to benefit Brookhaven Memorial Hospital's Outreach Program.

Tuesday, May 5—Strictly Business Networking Event, Middle Country Library, sponsored by the Middle Country Library & Brookhaven Chambers of Commerce Coalition, 7:30 a.m. breakfast, 8:00 a.m.-12 p.m. networking.

Thursday, May 7—Mambo Loco, Live in the Lobby at the Patchogue Theatre, 7:30 P.M. \$10.00, 631-207-1313.

Saturday, May 9—Women in Comedy with Loretta LaRouche and Friends at the Patchogue Theatre, 8:00 P.M. Tickets \$50,\$40,\$30., 631-207-1313.

Thursday, June 4-Phil Minissale, Live In The Lobby of the Patchoque Theatre 7:30 P.M. \$10.00, .631-207-1313.

Monday, June 1—Annual Ann LePage Tennis & Golf Outing, BMHMC.

Friday, June 5th—32nd Annual Senior Expo 7 Luncheon Honoring Foster Grandparent & Senior Companion Volunteers, Federation of Organizations, One Farmingdale Road, West Babylon. 631-669-5355.

Sunday, June 14—Temple Beth El Man of the Year Luncheon honoring State Senator Brian X. Foley, 45 Oak Street, noon, \$54.00, 631-475-1882.

July 10-26—Sylvia, Clare Rose Playhouse, St. Joseph's College, 8:00 p.m. Except for July 12, 19, and 16 at 3:00 p.m. Call Box Office 631 654-0199.

Friday, July 17—Alive After Five on Main St., 6–10 p.m., 631-207-1000.

**Friday, July 24—**Alive After Five on Main St., 6–10 p.m., 631-207-1000.