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President's Message



Over the past two months it has been my pleasure to begin to cultivate a culture of change and embrace the challenges of continuing to grow the Greater Patchogue

Chamber of Commerce. It will take some planning and communication from our office to your businesses. The Chamber office is committed to helping your business grow. We want to become better advocates for what it is that you, as a member, want for your business. As I began on this path in October, I asked to have a full board of executive officers and to fill all the open director positions. I have asked our directors to take a chair on committees and I will ask our members: "What is it that you want from your Chamber office?" I want to see our membership grow. Although I view the number of members as a show of strength, I think it is more important to view the strength of our member's businesses as the real measure of success.

Over the next thirty plus days the Chamber office will be distributing membership stickers to put in

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Artspace For Terry Street

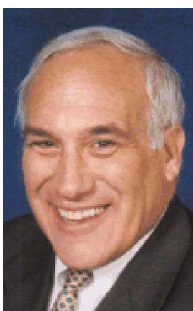


The small building and parking lot area on the south side of Terry Street from the garden to Taylor Lane would be converted to the Artspace project shown in the architect's rendering below.



Patchogue Village has set a Jan. 22 deadline for plans in order for an application to be submitted to New York State by the end of February. The hope is that the state and Suffolk County will buy the land and construct the building. If all goes well, ground breaking could come this summer.

Paul Pontieri Receives Island Recognition



The Artspace project is an example of the village revitalization with new attractions for young people cited by *L.I. Business News* in its Dec. 28 issue as it listed Patchogue Village Mayor Paul Pontieri among the Island's "Influentials". Said the *News*: Developers and elected officials alike offer lip service to our workforce housing shortage. Pontieri's actually being proactive about it. The affordable housing leader is also a happy partner in the crackdown on realtors listing homes with illegal apartments. But his greatest success is the revitalization of the village, which is turning into a haven for younger Islanders.

A \$19 million dollar, 70,000 square foot living/work space for artists would be built along Terry Street, just east of South Ocean Ave. under preliminary plans unveiled by Artspace Projects Inc. which has built similar projects across the country.

Plans call for 40 to 45 studio, one and two bedroom affordable apartments in three stories that would be restricted to rental by artists and musicians. A five story tower would house gallery space as well as stairs and an elevator.

Save These Dates

Friday, January 11—Patchogue Cooperative Nursery School Open House, 10 Church St., 4:00–7:00 p.m., 631-475-6431.

Friday, January 11—Strong Island Sound Basketball Team vs. Syracuse Raging Bulls, Suffolk Community College, Selden, 7:15 p.m., www.strongislandsound.com.

Saturday, January 12—Strong Island Sound Basketball Team vs. Syracuse Raging Bulls, Suffolk Community College, Selden, 7:15 p.m., www.strongislandsound.com. **Sunday, January 13**—Doll Fanciers Show, Patchogue Manor, 631-758-5387.

Sunday, January 13—Chamber Music Series: Daedalus Quartet, Patchogue Theatre, 3:00 p.m., 631-207-1313.

Sunday, January 13—Israeli Music concert featuring Shiree Kidron (vocalist) and Nadav Lev (guitarist), Temple Beth El, 3:30 p.m., 631-475-1882.

Sunday, January 13—Strong Island Sound Basketball Team vs. Corning Bulldogs, Suffolk Community College, Selden, 4:15 p.m., www.strongislandsound.com.

January 13–16—97th Annual Retail Convention & Expo, Jacob K. Javits Convention Center, New York, 708-486-0725.

Friday, January 18—Strong Island Sound Basketball Team vs. Boston Blizzard, Suffolk Community College, Selden, 7:15 p.m., www.strongislandsound.com.

January 18–27—Joe Chaikin and Sam Shephard's *When All The World Was Green*, Clare Rose Playhouse, Fr. & Sat. 8:00 p.m., Sun. 3:00 p.m., 631-654-0199.

January 23–February 28—Art Exhibit: Photographs of Cuba, St. Joseph's College, Board Room, O'Connor Hall, 631-447-3323.

Friday, January 25—L.I. Philharmonic, "Candlelight Serenade", Patchogue, Theatre, 8:00 p.m., \$50/\$30, 631-207-1313.

Saturday, January 26—Strong Island Sound Basketball Team vs. Vermont Frostheaves, Suffolk Community College, Selden, 8:00 p.m., www.strongislandsound.com.

Sunday, January 27—Strong Island Sound Basketball Team vs. Vermont Frostheaves, Suffolk Community College, Selden, 6:00 p.m., www.strongislandsound.com

Wednesday, January 30—Talk by Art Professor Rick Miller: *Cuba in Photographs*, St. Joseph's College, Shea Conference Center, O'Connor Hall, 12:40 p.m., free, light lunch, 631-447-3200.

Thursday, January 31—The Small Business Development Center at Stony Brook University presents a free seminar on entrepreneur essentials, business plans, and obtaining funding for your business, Patchogue-Medford Library, 7:00 p.m., call the library at 654-4700 to register.

Sunday, February 3—Kiwanis Club of Patchogue, Pancake Breakfast, Patchogue Fire Department, 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

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

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., www.strongislandsound.com.

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

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

Friday, February 15—Strong Island Sound Basketball Team vs. Halifax Rainmen, Suffolk Community College, Selden, 7:15 p.m., 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. Corning Bulldogs, Suffolk Community College, Selden, 8:00 p.m., 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.

February 22–March 9—Violet Music, Clare Rose Playhouse, St. Joseph's College, 631-654-0199.

Saturday, February 23—Strong Island Sound Basketball Team vs. Corning Bulldogs, Suffolk Community College, Selden, 7:15 p.m., 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—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—SmileSweetMisery & Mike Jason, Live in the Lobby, Patchogue Theatre, 7:00 p.m., 631-207-1313.

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

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

Sunday, March 30—May the Road Rise To Meet Ye 5K Run, Patchogue, 11:00 a.m., 631-475-0121.

Sunday, March 30—St. Patrick's Parade on Main Street, Patchogue, 2:00 p.m., 631-475-0121.

Thursday, April 3—Cathy Kregar & What It IZ, Live In The Lobby, Patchogue Theatre, 7:00 p.m., 631-207-1313.

Friday, April 4—L.I. Philharmonic, *Orchestral Fireworks*, Patchogue Theatre, 8:00 p.m., 631-207-1313.

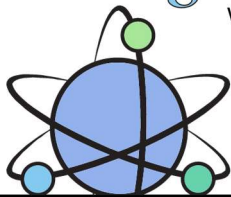
Saturday, April 5—Jackie "The Joke Man" Martling, Patchogue Theatre, 8:00 p.m., \$35/\$30/\$25, 631-207-1313.

Friday, April 11—Woman's Club of Patchogue honors Renee Alevas, Louise Ebert, Lari Fiala, Connie Fuccillo, Nada Marchanovich, and Eloise Staudinger, West Lake, 7:00 p.m., 631-654-2892.

Saturday April 12—United Methodist Church of Patchogue Soul-Food Coffee House, music by Melvin Smith, 7:30 p.m., \$5, 631-475-0381.

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New Member in December

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www.suffolklife.com.

Meetings

Jan. 8—Business Promotion,
Office, 6:00 p.m.

Jan. 14—Village Board, 7:30 p.m.

Jan. 15—Chamber Board, Temple
Beth El, 8:00 a.m.

Jan. 22—Chamber General
Meeting, BrickHouse, 6:00 p.m. Topic:
Identity Theft, members: \$25.

Jan. 28—Village Board, 7:30 p.m.

President's Message (from Page 1)

the windows of your shops and offices. We want to encourage our members to shop and transact with our members first whenever possible. It does not matter to anyone if we have 600 members if we don't support each other. Also, the Chamber office will be distributing its Membership Portrait Form. We will ask each member to complete it in full and return it to the office. What we want to do is to gather information relating to your business so that we can put together additional speakers, activities and networking opportunities to help you grow your business in 2008.

The Chamber office will also be continuing our networking events showcasing our member's businesses. We have contacted our local officials and municipal employees and have asked them to come to our meetings and speak to our members regarding issues you want to hear about, such as, understanding how to successfully apply for a building and/or sign permit in both the Village and in the Town; what are the issues our local government is currently facing; what is the new business in town and how can they

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Our website has also seen some new additions. Please take a look at the new calendar as this calendar is serving as a master calendar for the Chamber, the Village, the library, the theatre, all service organizations and soon to be the ferries. If you have an event please let us know. We want to publicize it on our calendar. Also, please take advantage of email blasts and newsletter inserts. For a nominal cost you can get your message out to every member with ease.

On a last note, I wanted to express my deepest wishes for a healthy and prosperous new year to you and your family. May you rejoice with success and happiness in this coming New Year.

Warm regards,

—Charlie Baker

Coming Soon

Mailings will be out in January to solicit participation in our 2008 Directory and for the annual St. Patrick's *Wit & Wisdom* to be published in March.

Call the office, 207-1000, with your nominations for St. Patrick's Parade (Mar. 30) Grand Marshal.

Congratulations to John Zeng. His Dragon & Phoenix Restaurant on South Ocean Ave. has been named in a national competition as one of 100 Rising Stars among U.S. Chinese restaurants.

Address Correction Requested

Gail Hoag, Executive Director



Coloring Contest Winners

The Greater Patchogue Chamber of Commerce, at its Breakfast with Santa, held a Coloring Contest. There were six randomly selected winners. Each winner received a \$50 U.S. Savings Bond. The bonds were donated by Gershow Recycling of Medford and Astoria Federal Savings Bank of North Patchogue. 200 people attended the breakfast and visited with Santa.

Pictured are Coloring Contest winners (left to right) Michael Sidey, Amber Ringle, Rebecca Dwyer and Nicole Pannullo. Behind them are (left to right) Charlie Baker, Chamber President, Jonathan Abrams of Gershow Recycling, David Zegel, Breakfast Chairman, and Tanya Pottinger of Gershow Recycling.