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### Wal-Mart Threat Is Real

For those who are unaware, Wal-Mart is in negotiations to open a new 98,000 sq ft Store on Hospital Road in East Patchogue. Most local business owners are against this box store joining our Community for a myriad of reasons.

This shifting of consumer shopping patterns to a single superstore will ultimately be destructive to our small businesses and local chain stores because we will no longer be able to compete in a monopolized market.

What will happen if Wal-Mart comes to town? As our sales decline, businesses will close or have to lay off employees. These people will then be forced to take part time positions at Wal-Mart for lower pay with reduced or no benefits or will be forced to join the already staggering percentage of unemployed in our country. For every two jobs Wal-Mart creates, three good paying jobs are lost in that community. According to a study in Social Science Quarterly, U. S. counties that had more Wal-Mart stores in 1987, had a higher poverty rate in 1999 than did counties that started the period with fewer or no Wal-Mart stores.

Wal-Mart entering our community will also mean a decrease in money

### Peter Feehan Is St. Patrick's Parade Grand Marshal



This year's Patchogue Main Street Parade on March 25 will be led by Peter Feehan.

Peter J. Feehan, born in Deer Park in 1959, has been a resident of Patchogue since 1989 when he and his wife, Johnneen built their home on Conklin Ave. Peter immediately involved himself in the community by joining the Swan Creek Civic Association as their Vice President. He also served as a Den Leader, Assistant Cubmaster, and Cubmaster of Cub Scout Pack 47 for nine years. He served as the Committee Chairman for Membership for the Trailblazer Scouting District for three years. He has been a soccer coach for PMYSL, a basketball coach in the Sachem Basketball League, a religious education teacher and a member of the St. Francis de Sales Parish Council, and the co-coordinator of the St. Francis de Sales fall "Welcome Back" bar-b-ques for their first several years.

He was sponsored into the Patchogue Lions Club in 1996 and became their 60th President in 2006. In 2005, Peter received the Robert J. Uplinger Distinguished Service Award, the highest honor that can be bestowed upon a Lion in Multiple District 20-S.

In 2004, he became active in the Patchogue Youth Athletic Association, serving first as the Jr. and Sr. Girls' Softball Commissioner for three years, followed by League Vice President and then President for eight years. With the assistance of his wife, Johnneen, the league grew from 473 to 703 children. He also has volunteered at Camp Paquatuck, a camp for children with special needs in Center Moriches, assisting at their annual Duck Bar-b-que and Christmas Light Spectacular.

His latest endeavor is as a volunteer with his good friend Steve Gill, assisting him and a myriad of other volunteers in the restoration of the Lakeview Cemetery, next door to Briarcliffe College on Main Street.

Peter works for Broadridge Financial in Edgewood, NY as a Sr. Programmer Analyst/Project Leader. He married his high school sweetheart, Johnneen, in 1982 and has three wonderful sons, James, 26, Sean, 24, and Michael, 21.

## Save These Dates

**Thursday, January 5**—Live in the Lobby:

Cassandra House with Jordan Hope, Patchogue Theatre for the Performing Arts, 71 East Main Street, Patchogue, 7:30 p.m., \$10, [www.patchoguetheatre.com](http://www.patchoguetheatre.com).

**Friday, January 6**—Live in the Lobby: Katie Pearlman Band with special Guest Hombre Jones, Patchogue Theatre for the Performing Arts, 71 East Main Street, Patchogue, 7:30 p.m., \$10, [www.patchoguetheatre.com](http://www.patchoguetheatre.com).

**Friday, January 6 & Saturday, January 7**—An Evening of Broadway and Hollywood, St. Joseph's College, McGann Conference Center, O'Connor Hall, 155 West Roe Blvd, Patchogue, 7:30 p.m., \$15 at the door, 687-2653, [www.sjcnj.edu](http://www.sjcnj.edu).

**Tuesday, January 10**—Greater Patchogue Foundation Board Meeting, Chamber Office, 15 North Ocean Avenue, Patchogue, 8:00 a.m., 631-207-1000.

**Wednesday, January 11**—Ribbon Cutting & Networking, Companion Star, 178 East Main Street, Patchogue, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m., 631-207-1000.

**Wednesday, January 11**—Healthy Eating Basics, Patchogue-Medford Library, 54-60 East Main Street, Patchogue, 7:00 p.m., 654-4700, [www.pmlib.org](http://www.pmlib.org).

**Saturday, January 14**—Patchogue Pizzazz Talent Search, Patchogue Theatre for the Performing Arts, 71 East Main Street, Patchogue, 7:00 p.m., \$9 - \$25, [www.patchoguetheatre.com](http://www.patchoguetheatre.com).

**Sunday, January 15**—Juvenile Diabetes Winter Breakfast, Patchogue Elks, 14 Oak Street, Patchogue, Two Seating's: 10:00 a.m. & 12:00 p.m., Adults \$10, Children under 10 \$5, Reservations a must by January 12, call 631-475-1323.

**Sunday, January 15—Wednesday, January 18**—National Retail Federation Annual Convention & Expo: Retail's Big Show. Jacob K. Javits Convention Center, New York City Convention: January 15-18, EXPO: January 16-17. Register Online at [www.nrf.com/annual12](http://www.nrf.com/annual12).

**Monday, January 16**—Patchogue Elks Lodge #1323 Annual Free Throw "Hoop Shoot Contest" for boys and girls 8 – 13, registration will start at 10:00 a.m., Bay Avenue Elementary School, 114 Bay Avenue, Patchogue, 475-1323, [www.elks.org/hoopshoot](http://www.elks.org/hoopshoot).

**Thursday, January 18**—Ribbon Cutting, Coldwell Banker M & D Good Life Realty, 66 Medford Avenue, Patchogue, 11:30 a.m., 631-207-1000.

**Friday, January 20**—Vince Neil & Ted Poley, Patchogue Theatre for the Performing Arts, 71 East Main Street, Patchogue, 7:30 p.m., \$47 - \$52, [www.patchoguetheatre.com](http://www.patchoguetheatre.com).

**Saturday, January 21 & Sunday, January 22**—Fairytale Follies (Fractured Fairytales) by April Keough & Tony Walker, Clare Rose Playhouse, St. Joseph's College, 155 West Roe Blvd, 11:00 a.m.; 1:00 p.m., all tickets \$7.00, to purchase tickets 654-0199, [www.sjcnj.edu/clarerose](http://www.sjcnj.edu/clarerose).

**Sunday, January 22**—Sunday Concert Series: 2-Improv Duet Jazz Concert with Shenole Latimer, Patchogue-Medford Library, 54-60 East Main Street, Patchogue, 2:30 p.m., 631-654-4700

**Tuesday, January 24**—Greater Patchogue Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors Meeting, Temple Beth-El, 45 Oak Street, Patchogue, 8:00 a.m., 631-207-1000.

**Thursday, January 26**—Live in the Lobby Presentation, TBA, Patchogue Theatre for the Performing Arts, 71 East Main Street, Patchogue, 7:30 p.m., \$10, [www.patchoguetheatre.com](http://www.patchoguetheatre.com).

**Thursday, January 26**—Ask the Doctor "Crisis in the Midst", Community Awareness of Drug Addiction presented by North Shore LIJ Southside Hospital, YMCA Boulton Center for the Performing Arts, 37 West Main Street, Bay Shore, 6:00–9:00 p.m., free to the community, please call Lisa Finnegan at 631-968-3477 to reserve your seat.

**Friday, January 27**—Greater Patchogue Chamber of Commerce General Meeting with Sayville and Bayport/Blue Point Chambers of Commerce, Off Key Tikki, 31-32 Baker Place, Patchogue, 6:00 p.m., 631-207-1000.

**Thursday, February 2**—Live in the Lobby: Butcher's Blind, Patchogue Theatre for the Performing Arts, 71 East Main Street, Patchogue, 7:30 p.m., \$10, [www.patchoguetheatre.com](http://www.patchoguetheatre.com).

**Saturday, February 11**—Beauty and the Beast, Patchogue Theatre for the Performing Arts, 71 East Main Street, Patchogue, 11:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m., \$14 - \$20, [www.patchoguetheatre.com](http://www.patchoguetheatre.com).

**Sunday, February 12**—Kenneth Meyer, Patchogue Theatre for the Performing Arts, 71 East Main Street, Patchogue, 3:00 p.m., \$7 - \$25, [www.patchoguetheatre.com](http://www.patchoguetheatre.com).

**Sunday, February 12**—Sunday Concert Series: A Musical Journey with Sergei Gurbelo, Patchogue-Medford Library, 54-60 East Main Street, Patchogue, 2:00 p.m., 631-654-4700, [www.pmlib.org](http://www.pmlib.org).

**Saturday, February 18**—Mickey B presents his Golden Oldies Winter Spectacular Celebrating The Dupree's 50th Anniversary, Patchogue Theatre for the Performing Arts, 71 East Main Street, Patchogue, 7:00 p.m., [www.patchoguetheatre.com](http://www.patchoguetheatre.com) or [www.mickeyb.com](http://www.mickeyb.com).

**Friday, February 24**—Patchogue Jam 5 featuring The Electrix, Miles to Dayton, Jay Scott Band and Katie Pearlman Band, Patchogue Theatre for the Performing Arts, 71 East Main Street, Patchogue, 7:30 p.m., \$18 includes a drink at the bar, [www.patchoguetheatre.com](http://www.patchoguetheatre.com).

**Friday, February 24—Sunday, March 11**—Painting Churches by Tina Howe, Clare Rose Playhouse, St. Joseph's College, 155 West Roe Blvd, Fridays and Saturdays- 8:00 p.m., Sundays- 3:00 p.m.,

Tickets \$15; \$12 students and seniors, to purchase tickets 654-0199, [www.sjcnj.edu/clarerose](http://www.sjcnj.edu/clarerose).

**Saturday, February 25**—Ronan Tynan, produced by the Greater Patchogue Foundation & Hibernian Festival Singers, Patchogue Theatre for the Performing Arts, 71 East Main Street, Patchogue, 8:00 p.m.,

Tickets \$57/\$50, [www.patchoguetheatre.com](http://www.patchoguetheatre.com).

**Thursday, March 1**—Live in

the Lobby: Brian Unger and Friends Performing Arts, 71 East Main Street, Patchogue, 7:30 p.m., \$10, [www.patchoguetheatre.com](http://www.patchoguetheatre.com).

**Sunday, March 4**—Sunday Concert Series: The Nancy Hirtten School of Dance, Patchogue-Medford Library, 54-60 East Main Street, Patchogue, 2:30 p.m., for more information, call 631-654-4700, [www.pmlib.org](http://www.pmlib.org).

**Sunday, March 11**—Music On Main Street presents Artspace: The Musical, Patchogue Theatre for the Performing Arts, 71 East Main Street, Patchogue, 3:00 p.m., \$10.00, [www.patchoguetheatre.com](http://www.patchoguetheatre.com).

**Sunday, March 25**—St. Patrick's Parade, Main Street, Peter Feehan, Grand Marshal, 1:00 p.m.

**Sunday, March 25**—"Star Shine 2012" Talent Show for students grades 1-12, Patchogue Theatre for the Performing Arts, 71 East Main Street, Patchogue, 7:00 p.m., [www.patchoguetheatre.com](http://www.patchoguetheatre.com).

**Thursday, March 29**—Live in the Lobby Presentation, TBA, Patchogue Theatre for the Performing Arts, 71 East Main Street, Patchogue, 7:30 p.m., \$10, [www.patchoguetheatre.com](http://www.patchoguetheatre.com).

**Thursday, March 29**—9th Annual Patchogue Garden Club "Think Spring" Luncheon featuring Guest Speaker Jody Garrett, CMA, Mediterranean Manor, 303 East Main Street, Patchogue, Doors open at 10:30 a.m., Tickets \$35, for more information, call Georgia 631-289-0867 or Arlene 631-730-7572.

**Sunday, April 1**—Atlantic Winds "European Favorites", Patchogue Theatre for the Performing Arts, 71 East Main Street, Patchogue, 3:00 p.m., \$12 - \$15, [www.patchoguetheatre.com](http://www.patchoguetheatre.com).

**Thursday, April 5**—Live in the Lobby: Delights of nothing and Ghosts of Electricity, Patchogue Theatre for the Performing Arts, 71 East Main Street, Patchogue, 7:30 p.m., \$10, [www.patchoguetheatre.com](http://www.patchoguetheatre.com).

**Saturday, April 14**—The Glenn Miller Orchestra, Patchogue Theatre for the Performing Arts, 71 East Main Street, Patchogue, 8:00 p.m., \$25 - \$65, [www.patchoguetheatre.com](http://www.patchoguetheatre.com).

**Sunday, April 15**—Pat Cooper, Tony B & Uncle Floyd, Patchogue Theatre for the Performing Arts, 71 East Main Street, Patchogue, 3:00 p.m., \$52 - \$62, [www.patchoguetheatre.com](http://www.patchoguetheatre.com).

**Sunday, April 15**—Sunday Concert Series: Dance: The Rhythm of the Human Spirit, Patchogue-Medford Library, 54-60 East Main Street, Patchogue, 2:30 p.m., 631-654-4700, [www.pmlib.org](http://www.pmlib.org).



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**Elisabeth McGuire**, *Civic Member*, 54 Shore Rd., Patchogue, NY 11772, 631-335-6188.

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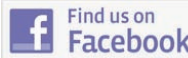
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## Wal-Mart (from Page 1)

being spent around the Greater Patchogue area- at our Businesses. We will be faced with declining property values from closed stores, lessening our tax base, resulting in increased infrastructure and police costs, and a greater strain on emergency services for the rest of us. Public health care expenditures rise as the County must make up for Wal-Mart's lack of an affordable health plan for it's employees. Traffic and pollution will increase, and the essential character of OUR Community, which was built over decades, may be lost.

It has also been shown, that 72 to 84 percent of Sales Tax generated by a Wal-Mart is merely shifted from the cash registers of downsized or closed competitors in the area. Additionally, Wal-mart is the largest importer of Chinese goods, forcing the closing of US Manufacturers and making us even

more dependent on China.

The proposal has been pending since 2008 because they have chosen a location that is primarily residential, and the Hospital Road Bridge is too small to accommodate the increased traffic. Walmart has stated that it was working with the Town on widening the bridge and that the property owner had contributed \$357,730 toward that

effort The proposed cost to replace the Bridge is 20 million dollars. Does that mean we, the Taxpayer, will be responsible for the 19 million dollar shortfall?

On January 9th at 5:00 pm, there will be a Town of Brookhaven Planning meeting at Brookhaven Town Hall. Please join your fellow chamber members as a unified force. Written comments will also be accepted until Jan. 19.

—Mindy Skura

## Christmas Tree and Menorah Thank You's

Thanks to the following for making holiday celebrations in Patchogue special: Avey Electric, Capital One Bank, Mindy Skura, Tom's Yard Works, Patchogue Village Parks & Recreation and Village Highway Dept., Mayor Paul Pontieri, Rabbi Joel Levinson.



Patchogue Knights of Columbus is sponsoring this new Welcome To Patchogue sign at West Ave. and Lake St.



Patchogue Printing, celebrating its 20th year threw a grand opening party at its new 426 East Main Street location. Web designer Kelleen Geyer has now joined the business and thus the new name: Patchogue Printing & Web Design.