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Gerry Crean Is Parade Grand Marshal

Patchogue Village Trustee Gerry Crean will lead the 2008 Patchogue St. Patrick's Parade which kicks off from East Main St. on Sunday, Mar. 30 at 2 p.m. In the photo above Gerry is joined by Brookhaven Town Supervisor and past Grand Marshal Brian Foley and by last year's honoree, Brian Egan.

This year the "May The Road Rise To Meet Ye" 5K run will precede the parade that afternoon starting from the parking lot at Terry Street and Rider Ave.

The picture was taken at the Passing of the Sash party Feb. 24 at Hazy Moon. Swan Bakery won the annual Irish Sodabread Contest.

Big Plans For West Main Street



About 400 people showed up at the Patchogue Theatre on the night of Feb. 28 to hear Tritec Development Group outline its \$145 million plan to re-invent West Main Street. The plan includes some potentially controversial elements—250 apartments and a 102 foot building height that

exceeds anything now in the village. But the reaction was almost entirely favorable. The first question from the audience was "When do the bulldozers arrive?"

In addition to the apartments, the plan calls for a 100 room hotel, tentatively a Hilton Garden Inn, 32,000 square feet of retail space and 32,000 square feet of office space. There would be a five level, 606 car parking garage and 20 additional parking spaces. Tritec has already purchased the old Swezey's store on the Four Corners and the old library building on Lake Street and is in contract for the Wedgewood building along Main Street. Plans call for moving the library, with four story residential units to go in that location.. The building along Havens Ave. would also be replaced with a four story residential building. The BrickHouse and Bank of America will remain.

Much planning and approvals lie ahead but the answer to the bulldozer question was that demolition of the former Swezey's is expected this fall.

Save These Dates

March 1–March 31—St. Joseph's College Art Exhibit: Nicaragua In Words And Images, Board Room Gallery, O'Connor Hall, 631-447-3323.

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.

Wednesday, March 12—Small Business Development Center Workshop, What you Need to Know About Partnerships, Agreements and Contracts, LI High Technology Incubator Building, Stony Brook University, Joseph Campolo, Presenter, 9:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m., Registration required, 631-632-7176.

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

Thursday, March 13—St. Joseph's College lecture: Seeds of Peace: Turning Enemies Into Friends, Middle Easter Affairs author Janet Wallach, McGann Conference Center, O'Connor Hall, 12:40 p.m., free, 631-447-8252.

Thursday, March 13—Brookhaven Town 22nd Annual Women's Recognition, Brookhaven Town Hall Auditorium, 7:00 p.m. Our member Mindy Skura of Remember Yesteryear's will be recognized for Outstanding Woman in Business.

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.

Monday, March 17—Peter & The Wolf, Patchogue Theatre, 9:45 & 11:45 a.m., 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.

Tuesday, Marcy 18—Mercy Unto Thousand's Breakthrough Program, a public speaking event, 5:45 p.m., Knights of Columbus Hall, 631-277-8300.

Wednesday, March 19—Small Business Development Center Workshop, Making the Most of Your Strategic Alliance, Lisa Renee Pomerantz, Presenter, LI High Technology Incubator Building, Stony Brook University, 9:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m. Registration required. 631-632-7176.

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.

Tuesday, March 25—Open General Chamber Meeting, 6 p.m., BrickHouse Brewery & Restaurant, Retirement Seminar, members \$25.00, non-members \$30.00, 631-207-1000.

Saturday, March 29—Your Irish Immigrant: Six Tips on Finding a Place of Origin, presented by the Patchogue Medford Library Genealogy Research Group, 10:00–11:30 a.m. Getting Started Help Session 9:30–10:00 a.m. Sign up at the Main Desk, 631-654-4700, ext. 228

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, registration, 12:30 p.m., 631-475-0121.

Sunday, March 30—St. Patrick Parade on Main Street, Patchogue, 2:00 p.m. Bagpipe bands, floats, marchers, 631-475-0121.

Tuesday, April 1—Open Chamber Speed Networking, West Lake Inn, 6-8 p.m., members \$20.00, non-members \$25.00, 631-207-1000..

Wednesday, April 2—Small Business Development Center Workshop, Websites, Podcasts and Blogs, LI High Technology Incubator Building, Stony Brook University, Kevin Kelly, Presenter, 9:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m., Registration required. 631-632-7176.

April 3–April 30—Art Exhibit, Briarcliffe College, "Grief" paintings by Beth S. Goldberg. A socially conscious artist reflects world events. Reception: April 6, 2:00–4:00 p.m., 631-654-4300.

Thursday, April 3—Business Solutions Roundtable, Small Business Development Center, monthly meeting, RSVP Ronni, 631-632-1407 or email ronni.rosen@suntsb.edu.

Thursday, April 3—Cathy Kreger & 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.

Wednesday, April 9—Small Business Development Center Workshop, Branding Your Business and Stretching Your Marketing Budget, John Mangione. Presenter, LI High Technology Incubator Building, Stony Brook University, 9:00 a.m.–Noon, Registration required 631-632-7176.

Thursday, April 10—Chinese Auction, Patchogue Lioness-Lions, St. John's Greek Orthodox Church, Blue Point. Doors open 6 p.m., \$10.00 fee includes admission, 50 auction tickets, 2 door prize tickets.

Thursday, April 10—Brookhaven Chambers of Commerce Coalition, Member of the Year Award Dinner, Trio at Holbrook Country Club, 631-475-0121.

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—Jazz Band Showcase with Shenole Latimer, Patchogue Theatre, 7:00 p.m., 631-207-1313.

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

Sunday, April 13—The New York Exceptions at the Patchogue-Medford Library at 2:00 p.m., 631-654-4700.

Wednesday, April 16—Small Business Development Center Workshop, Using the Art if Feng Shui in Your Office Environment, Martha Rohl, Presenter, LI High Technology Incubator Building, Stony Brook

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WH Design Studio, Bill Miller, *Architect*, 11 North Ocean Avenue, Patchogue, NY 11772, 631-289-0033.

Meetings

Mar. 13—Brookhaven Town Women's Recognition honoring Minda Skura, Brookhaven Town Hall, 7:00 PM.

Mar. 18—Chamber Board, Temple Beth El, 8:00 a.m.

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Just as a reminder that we really did get some snow this winter, these YMCA Vacation Day Campers constructed this giant snowman at the Y's Holtsville campus on Friday, Feb. 22.

New Telephone Number

The Chamber's familiar phone number—631-475-0121—remains but the office now has an additional main contact number and in our publicity we will be gradually shifting over to it:

631-207-1000

The number was used for many years by another business but the number became available and we were able to obtain it. It does have a certain simplicity to it.

So you can reach us now through either number.

Dredging Not Quite Done

The Village project, long awaited, to dredge the Patchogue River has been almost but not quite completed. By law, dredging season runs from Oct. 1 to Feb. 1 and Trustee Joe Dean says that when the deadline ran out this year there was still some work to be done at the mouth and the northern end of the river.

Dean says work will resume Oct. 1 and should be completed well before the next Feb. deadline.