

**EDITORIAL**

# Did you vote?

**E**lection Day is over, and the candidates — whether victorious or not — can all breathe a sigh of relief. To the victors, though, that moment of relief won't last too long, as there are serious issues to tackle ahead. Each candidate must focus on their platform promises and make them a reality. It's definitely not going to be easy, so in addition to congratulations, we wish them all the best of luck.

However, whether a candidate wins or loses isn't the issue; the problem is there are just not enough voters. And that's especially true during an off-year election, where no one is required to choose major leaders such as Governor or President.

In order for the political process to work — even on a local level — there really needs to be public input. Historically, Long Island turns out a low percentage of voters on Election Day compared to its number of registered voters. That's a shame.

Those who didn't make it to the polls this year will hopefully reconsider that inaction next Election Day. It's important to understand that voting is a privilege, but exercising that right is also every American's responsibility.

**Remember our vets**

Next Thursday, Nov. 11, is Veterans Day, a time to honor all veterans. The honor is well deserved. Not only did our local veterans fight for our freedom, but they also continue to be contributing members of the community. Each and every veterans' organization gives back in one way or another, whether it is by attending ceremonies, talking to school-children or awarding scholarships — our veterans are always there.

The Patchogue Veterans Organization will be hosting its annual ceremony at 11 a.m. at the Four Corners. Several other area events will be held. If you have an opportunity to go to one, do so. But even if you are unable to attend, take the time to think about the sacrifices that have been made for our freedom and the men and women who continue to fight for it. Let's not forget any of them.

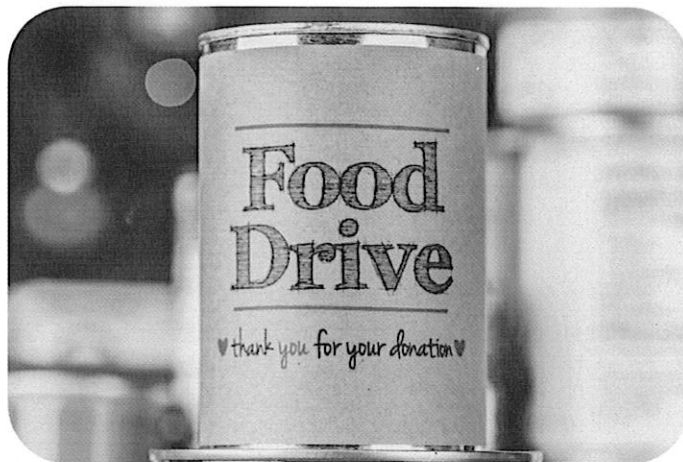
# Annual Food Drive to Support Brookhaven INTERFACE Program

With the Thanksgiving holiday quickly approaching, JVC Broadcasting and its roster of five radio stations is once again hosting their annual food drive to support the Brookhaven INTERFACE Program. This year's two-day event will be held Saturday, November 20 and Sunday, November 21 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Compare Foods, located at 257 Route 112 in Patchogue.

**BROOKHAVEN TOWN**

All five radio stations, including Party 105, My Country 96.1, La Fiesta 98.5, LI News Radio 103.9 and Oldies 98.1 will be there collecting food donations. At past events, JVC Broadcasting has been very successful in raising donations and is looking forward to continuing this tradition.

Suggested food items for donations are all non-perishables including, but not limited to: canned soups, canned cranberry sauce, turkey gravy, stuffing mix, instant potatoes, canned sweet or white potatoes, rice, canned vegeta-



bles, jar or canned sauce, macaroni, canned fruit, pudding, jello, cookie mix and icing and juice. Also, \$10 dollar gift cards to local supermarkets so families in need can purchase a turkey are accepted.



## Short-term assisted living resident wins art contest

Residents, staff and leadership at Suffolk Center on Schoenfeld Boulevard in Patchogue are ecstatic that short-term resident Neil Schlosser is a winner in the New York State 2022 Art From The Heart Program, put out annually by The New York State Health Facilities Association/New York State Center for Assisted Living (NYSHFA & NYSCAL). Schlosser is one of 13 winners throughout New York State where his 2022 winning art piece, "A Walk in the Park," which shows a beautiful dreamy

walking path into the sun, has made it to the final 2022 calendar (12 winners for the 12 months of the year, plus the cover page of the calendar). Since this is for the 2022 "Art From the Heart" calendar, Schlosser won it two years ago for the 2020 campaign with his art piece showing a gorgeous flying white Canadian goose and last year's 2021 competition, he didn't win but was a runner-up. Additionally, on a side note, Schlosser's physical therapy has been going so well, he is looking to return home sometime this fall of 2021.

Courtesy photos

## POLICE BLOTTER

**Patchogue**

A 42-year-old man from Mastic was arrested for menacing in the second degree on October 25 for allegedly threatening a victim with a knife at a business on Sills Road.

A 28-year-old man from Huntington Station was arrested for grand larceny

in the third degree on October 26 for allegedly stealing power tools, an iPad, and a pressure washer were stolen from a residence.

Two twelve packs of Corona beer were stolen from Walgreens on October 30.

**Bellport**

A bicycle was stolen from a the shed of a residence on Association Road on October 30.

**East Patchogue**

A 1996 red Ford Econoline van was stolen while parked in front of a business on Medford Avenue on October 31.

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