

"It was just a question of how long it took people to flush out the lines in their homes," the village official said.

— SCOTT EIDLER

PORT WASHINGTON

Vision for Main St. is focus of meeting

The future of Port Washington's Main Street will be the subject of a public meeting held by North Hempstead town officials on Thursday.

The Main Street Visioning meeting will focus on proposed zoning changes and streetscape enhancements along Main Street.

The event, held by Councilwoman Dina DeGiorgio and Town Supervisor Jon Kaiman, will take place at 7 p.m. at the Paul D. Schreiber High School auditorium, 101 Campus Dr., Port Washington.

— JENNIFER BARRIOS

CENTRAL ISLIP

Candidates to meet with voters at forum

The Central Islip Coalition of Good Neighbors will host a meet-the-candidate forum tomorrow and has invited all local federal and state candidates for office, organizers said.

The nonprofit community advocacy group, which meets once a month at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Carleton Avenue, has held similar forums the last two years. President Deborah Rotunda described the intimate meet-and-greet, which is not a debate, as "the only local opportunity to let elected officials know what matters to the residents of Central Islip."

"Let's let the candidates know that first of all, we're here, and some of us do actual care and get involved," said Rotunda, who is also on the board of directors for the Central Islip Civic Council. She said the community is often overlooked because it's not a major source of campaign fundraising.

"... Honestly, that's a factor," she said. "But if you come and really get our attention a lot of us will campaign, a lot of us have. So sometimes you need feet on the street as well as you need cash in your pocket."

So far, attendees include: Vivianne Falcone, Democratic candidate for the 2nd Congressional District; Assemb. Phil Ramos, incumbent Democratic candidate for the 6th Assembly District; and Manuel Troche, Republican candidate for the 6th Assembly District.

The forum will take place tomorrow at 7 p.m. at Knights of Columbus Hall, 62 Carleton Ave.

— CANDICE RUUD

ISLANDWIDE

Walk to Ground Zero honors 9/11 victims

After walking 70 miles — about halfway into a 148-mile trek from Montauk Point Lighthouse to Ground Zero — Chris Delaney and two of his fellow veterans felt the blisters on their feet.

Early Wednesday morning at a stop along William Floyd Parkway, two good Samaritans who identified themselves only as Laura and Dennis gave the men bicycles to finish the Hope & Strength Walk, a journey to honor those who died as a result of the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks.

Along the way, the men planted 145 flags — one at every mile — each inscribed with the name of a victim of the attacks, first responder or deceased soldier.

Richard Bezouska, 47, of Ohio, and Doug Williams, 40, of Bay Shore, joined Delaney, 38, of Lindenhurst, to honor their friend Christopher Pupo, an NYPD officer who responded to the World Trade Center site after the attacks and who later joined the Coast Guard. Pupo died in June of esophageal cancer at age 39, as a result of being exposed to

toxins during cleanup efforts.

At the end of the trip to Ground Zero that started on Tuesday and took 49 hours to complete, the men reached the National September 11 Memorial & Museum on Thursday morning and presented American flags and a U.S. Coast Guard flag to Pupo's family.

"To see our friend Chris lying in the hospice bed telling us how much it hurt, blisters mean nothing to me," said Delaney, who served alongside Pupo in Iraq. "To see what Chris went through and so many others go through, it's not that big of a deal. My feet will heal."

— BRITTANY WAIT

PATCHOGUE

Glass-covered phone booth is part of show

FROM THE BLOG

When Kathy Seff picks up a piece of glass, holds it to the light and is splashed with its often colorful reflection, she feels happy.

It's a feeling she has always wanted to share, and one that drew her to the craft of glass work, even after initially pursuing and going to school for graphic design.

Now she thinks she has found a way to share her passion, through a project she refers to as a "human kaleidoscope," a 1960s telephone booth she's covered in thousands of pieces of colored glass.

"I want people to really appreciate glass the way I do," said Seff, a second-generation glass artist who lives at the Artspace Patchogue Lofts. "I feel like it's on all four sides of them where they can't get away from it, they will."

The telephone booth will be a prominent feature of Seff's

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What I cover

I cover the Town of Babylon with my fellow reporter Nicholas Spangler, and also will report developments in Lindenhurst Village. I'm interested in following not only the government, but also civic groups, community organizations and the other vital components of a town. I want to give a voice to town residents, workers and business owners so that I can help tell the stories that aren't being heard.

Coming up

I will be attending and reporting from tomorrow's meeting of the Babylon Town board.

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first solo exhibition, "Glass!," which runs Sept. 24 through Oct. 14 at the Artspace Patchogue Gallery.

The exhibit will also feature other works by Seff including a collection of glass plates, repurposed bicycle wheels hung on the wall and a skee-ball backing she covered with a mosaic of vintage mirrors.

"I just want people to take a step back and go, 'Wow, there's so much color here,'" she said. "I love color and I want people to experience that."

Seff, who works with her mother at her Bayport studio, Colorful Visions, said she's especially excited to share her work because so many people contributed to enable her to make it happen.

As she puts the final pieces on the project this week, Seff said she can't wait for people to take a step into her world.

"My goal for when people walk into the kaleidoscope," she said, "is for them to be slightly confused, very elated and just walk out and tell people, 'Oh you've got to go in.'"



Richard Bezouska, left, of Ohio, Doug Williams, of Bay Shore, and Chris Delaney, of Lindenhurst, walked from Montauk Point to Ground Zero to honor 9/11 victims.