

Downtown Glen Cove

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Meritage Wine Bar and Restaurant

On August 4th, the opening of restaurateur Alex Fiorentino's restaurant Meritage was celebrated by a Ribbon Cutting ceremony hosted by Mayor Spinello and Deputy Mayor Peebles. The Glen Cove Downtown BID, Chamber of Commerce and members of the City council all joined in to give Meritage a big welcome to our downtown Glen Cove. Meritage serves a variety of small plates and entrees with Mediterranean flavors of Italy, Spain and Greece. A bottle of wine to pair with this cuisine is easy to select with Meritage's wine menu. Fiorentino's eye to detail was not only found in the fine cuisine that Meritage offers but also in the décor which has a feel of a fine Manhattan restaurant. Dark wood floors, soft walls of gray and lavender, textured sleek seating, industrial lighting and my favorite an eclectic collection of art all come together to give an elegant dining experience.

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The Glen Cove BID announces New Executive Director

The Glen Cove Business Improvement District Board of Directors is pleased to announce their new Executive Director, Patricia Holman.

Holman, a resident of Glen Cove has been involved in the making of small businesses throughout her 25 plus year career in the private sector. Through her detail to design, salesmanship and marketing, Holman has successfully taken several small businesses from a local to a global market. Holman has worked with many international public and political figures throughout her career. Well-seasoned in special events Holman has planned and choreographed events such as Fashion Week to more intimate affairs such as Costume Balls. A former small business owner of a Glen Cove downtown Business So Vintage, Inc. Holman is dedicated and passionate about the success of our Glen Cove Downtown.

The Change of the Executive Director of the Glen Cove Business Improvement District arrives from the recent retirement of Francine Koehler. Koehler, was a devoted Executive Director of the GC BID for almost 20 years. Under Koehler's direction the GC BID has been responsible for annual community events such as the Halloween Parade, the Tree lighting and one of her proudest accomplishments the *Downtown Sounds*.

"Watching Downtown Sounds flourish over the past two decades has been one of the most satisfying experiences of my life. As I turn the reins over to a new Executive Director, Patricia Holman, I am confident that Downtown Sounds will continue to flourish as part of the fabric that weaves our community together," said Koehler.

The Glen Cove Downtown Business Improvement District is dedicated to meeting the needs of the local businesses in the continuing effort to maintain, advance and enhance business growth and development within the Business District. The Glen Cove Downtown BID is made up of several different committees that include capital improvements, economic development and marketing, special events and finance.

Photograph above: Francine Koehler and Patricia Holman at the start of demolish in Village Square. Photograph courtesy of Tony Gallego of Gill Photography



THE DOWNTOWN SOUNDS KICKED OFF WITH A TRIBUTE TO FOUNDER FRANCINE KOEHLER

As the *Downtown Sounds* kicked off the July –August free Friday night concert series an appropriate tribute was given to newly retired founder of the Downtown Sounds Francine Koehler. Our Glen Cove Mayor Spinello lead the way as political figures such as Congressman Tom Suozzi, Assembly man Charles Lavine, Nassau County Legislator office Delia DeRiggi-Whitton, City council members and the Downtown Sounds Committee paid homage to Koehler. Every Friday night during July and August, the Downtown Business Improvement District and the City of Glen Cove joins forces to brought Downtown Sounds to the Village Square. This year's (2017) Downtown Sounds provided to be logistically challenging with the start of construction at the Village Square, but the Glen Cove BID and the City of Glen Cove were determined not to allow this to deter them from bringing the best show possible to our Glen Cove community. With the help of a Nassau County show mobile *Downtown Sounds* started with a boom as the New York Bee Gees took center stage. This annual concert series, which was free to the public, was designed to use music as a promotional tool to show case the local businesses and the downtown.

The weekly concerts typically brought over 1,000 people to the city's streets, which increased patronage of local businesses including many local area restaurants. The event has grown substantially since its debut in 1997 and the city now closes downtown streets to accommodate the overflow of the crowds. *Downtown Sounds* 2017 has drawn crowds from all parts of the metropolitan area with a diverse lineup featuring artists from the New York Bee Gees a cover band giving Bee Gee fans the most extravagant show a fan can experience, Kamellot offering a powerful take on classic rock and blue standards, Misty Mountain a Led Zeppelin cover band, Soul Sound Revue performing the greatest hits in the Motown Tradition, Nonstop to Cairo performing a unique blend of ska, hip-hop, and funk, the Mark Wood Experience a world renowned electric violinist, Joe Rock and the all-stars, Milagro an outstanding Santana cover band and our own Glen Cove's Richie Cannata that ended our concert series with his All Star band signing Purple Rain.

Downtown Sounds produced by the Glen Cove Downtown BID has been supported by the City of Glen Cove and a loyal sponsor base of local and regional businesses with Bethpage Federal Credit Union taking pride of place as a Title sponsor for the last seven years. Other Sponsors include: Garvies Point RXR, Glen Cove Hospital Northwell Health, Kimco Realty, American Paving, Comfort Dentist, Downtown Café, Harvest Power, LI-Kick, Cross Fit One Life, and New York Community Bank. The media partner of *Downtown Sounds* is The SUNY College at Old Westbury, OWWR Old Westbury Web Radio and OWTV Old Westbury Television. *Downtown Sounds* thanked the following Restaurant partners for 2017, which generously provided food for our performing artists. These restaurant partners included LaBussola Ristorante, Meritage Wine Bar, Sweet Mandarin Asian Bistro, The Downtown Café, The View Grill and Vito's Ristorante and Pizzeria. The Glen Cove Downtown BID extends much gratitude to the talented Downtown Sounds committee and all of our many volunteers that helped present *Downtown Sounds* to our community.



Urban Artist Design Downtown Banners

The Glen Cove Downtown BID and Downtown Sounds were thrilled to work in collaboration with First City Project on series of banners throughout the downtown that featured urban themed artists. This collaboration was part of an initiative to create a vibrant, exciting arts-filled downtown environment. The artists featured in this program represented the creators of the new banners designed expressly for Downtown Sounds 2017. First City Project had a goal to introduce the residents of the City of Glen Cove and surrounding communities to the next generation of urban themed artists through the transformation of a 9000 square foot historic structure. The Coles House as a designated city landmark structure has architecture details dating back to 1810. It was home to one of the original five founding families of the City of Glen Cove. This building had long been neglected and essentially abandoned for years until local businessman Joe LaPadula had a vision to infuse new life into the structure through an ambitious art program. The essence of FCP was to use Coles House as a platform to introduce the community of Glen Cove to a new genre of art and showcase the rising local area talents with numerous NY area street art professionals. FCP aimed to start a dialogue with the community where a balance can be achieved through a new art medium and a new spirit of creativity that can rise alongside the traditional values within the first city on Long Island. The Downtown B.I.D. and Downtown Sounds are excited to be a part of this dialogue.

The Downtown B.I.D. honors Memorial Day

The Glen Cove BID, honored Memorial Day as it replaced the American and nautical signal flags that salute us from the two flag pole entrances to Glen Cove's Downtown. Since 1997, when the Glen Cove BID was formed, this organization has made great strides in vitalizing the Glen Cove Downtown Area while forming community events. The grand flag poles that were donated to the city 1998, greet each of us upon our entrance and exit into Glen Cove was the first project that the Glen Cove Downtown BID executed. The white poles that stand high above, represent the mast of a naval ship. The flags that hang high are known as signal flags that are used to communicate with military at sea. It was the Glen Cove Downtown's vision to honor our military while tying into our coastal community. Each flag on these masts represents a letter that spells out G-L-E-N C-O-V-E. As you enter the heart of Glen Cove's Business District, think of these masts as the Glen Cove Downtown BID welcoming you aboard the good ship "Glen Cove Downtown", the place where good things are happening.

Glen Cove Downtown B.I.D. Brings Flowers to the Streets

As part of its Capital Improvements Plan, the Glen Cove Downtown BID's Capital Improvements Committee had purchased hanging flower baskets for the light poles throughout the downtown. The baskets were filled with bright flowering begonias. With the kind assistance of the Glen Cove Beautification Commission, under the direction of Darcy Belyea, Damion Stavredes and Shannon Graham installed the baskets on the poles in time for the city's annual Memorial Day Parade. Several thousand dollars of the Downtown B.I.D. annual budget were invested in the flower baskets and other seasonal plantings each year. Other projects under discussion by the Downtown Business Improvement District included a new wayfinding signage for parking garages, plan, public artwork, and improved irrigation systems for new plantings at the Brewster Street parking garage; artists from the First City Project and students from the Glen Cove Youth Bureau assisted in their creation.

The Downtown Brewster Street Garage is revitalized

"The revitalization of the Brewster Street Garage had been on the BID agenda for quite some time. It was when the BID thought to include the city of Glen Cove Youth Bureau that they finally received the approval to move forward with this project", said Brian Mercandante. Jacquelin Yonick, coordinator for the Youth Bureau, responded positively to the project. "This gives them a sense of community pride while they're accomplishing something for their first job experience" said Yonick. In an effort to brighten up and make the garage more user friendly for visitors in the downtown area the Youth Bureau started painting all the wayfinding signs on one side of the garage red, and on the other side blue, while stenciling letters per floor. Four short weeks later, the Youth Bureau completed this project giving new life to the Brewster street garage. "The Youth Bureau's fine work surpassed our expectations, they certainly, have much to be proud of and have given a great deal to the Glen Cove community", said Patricia Holman, Executive Director. The Glen Cove BID donated the stencils and materials, Aboff's Paint generously donated the paint, and the City of Glen Cove Summer Employment Youth Program provided the labor. The Glen Cove BID, the City of Glen Cove Youth Bureau, and a local business got together and made something nice happen in the community" said Brian Mercandante.

New Botanical Design & Irrigation System in Downtown

The Glen Cove BID donated the sprinkler system at the Brewster Street garage, which has been installed by Grennan Irrigation Inc., in part with a project to re-landscape and beautify the area. "This was an important project for the BID as it is a heavy traffic area, and we wanted to make it look nice for those driving and walking by," said Brian Mercandante, Co-Chair of the BID Capital Improvements Committee. While the sprinkler systems were being installed, Cabo Landscaping Inc. was working on a new landscaping design that consists of hydrangeas, junipers, white pine, and many other botanical arrangements along the side of the Brewster Street Garage. "For many years, the BID has been denied a sprinkler system due to a lack of a water source, but after much determination, the current administration finally approved of the sprinkler system and now the BID can get back to work revitalizing the area", said Patricia Holman, Executive Director. The Downtown BID has planted many gardens throughout the walkways and has funded the maintenance of these gardens. Throughout the seasons, the BID will be planting new grass seeds and different flowers for the fall, summer, and spring. "Now that the water is in, let's start making it beautiful", said Brian Mercandante.



Preparing the Streets for the fall

The Glen Cove Downtown Business Improvement District got the streets of downtown Glen Cove ready for the fall with the purchase of more than 130 cornstalks and 200 assembled bows. The City of Glen Cove's Beautification Commission fashioned the downtown light poles with these cornstalks and orange bows signifying autumn. Additionally, more than 300 fall mums were ordered and then planted by Cabo Landscaping for the landscaping the B.I.D. maintains in the downtown area. The Glen Cove B.I.D.'s capital improvement committee is dedicated to making the Glen Cove downtown a beautiful and welcoming place to visit.

Halloween Parade

Monsters, super heroes, princesses & creatures of all kinds made their way through the streets of Glen Cove during the Downtown Business Improvement District's annual Children's Costume Parade on October 28th, 2017. The celebration began at The Regency Assisted Living with a Scary Story Hour complete with refreshments. The parade provided a safe way for children under the age of 12 to show off their creative costumes and encouraged their families to get in on the fun. After the parade, the children trick-or-treated throughout the shops of the downtown, while a live DJ, sponsored by Planet Fitness now Glen Cove Fitness, played spooky tunes including "Monster Mash." To provide candy-fueled kids with an outlet, One and Only Dental sponsored a Fun Bus that offered climbing, sliding and all sorts of fun activities in Village Square, while games such as Headless Jack Hole in One and Witches Broom Pumpkin Race were also available. These games captured everyone's attention, which resulted in over 100 prizes won.

Movement in Downtown



Preparing the Streets for the Holidays

The holidays truly are such a wonderful time of the year to visit Downtown Glen Cove. The Downtown streets are decorated for the Holiday's, the Christmas tree stands so grand at Village Square, the Holiday Cottage is a perfect backdrop for your Christmas or Holiday card and the cities Merry Tree Festival is such a joy to see. Many businesses, organizations and families participated in these Christmas Trees that line the streets in the Downtown area of Glen Cove. The Glen Cove Senior Center's Christmas tree was so adorable with handmade garland and pink pompom's made of yarn. It makes you want to wander into the center's gift shop to see all of the beautiful handmade items that they sell. Downtown Glen Cove the place where good things are happening.

Holiday Festival

The Glen Cove Downtown Business Improvement District's Annual Holiday Festival Set Forth the Season in a Smashing Way. On Saturday, November 25th, 2017 the Village Square of Downtown Glen Cove overflowed with the community enjoying the many festivities of the B.I.D's annual Holiday Festival. People of all ages enjoyed free horse & carriage rides, pictures with Santa, candy canes, cupcakes, hot cocoa and more while being entertained by The Slayer Players, Glen Cove High School Jazz Band and singer, Frank Rendo. This is always a very special time of year when we make sure to give thanks and appreciation to one another. The Glen Cove Downtown BID and the City of Glen Cove truly accomplished this as we joined together to wish our community a Very Happy Holiday Season.



Toys for Tots

On Sunday, December 10th, 2017, from 8:30 am to 10:00 am, Glen Cove's downtown area was transformed into a holiday wonderland and a high performance car show. Every year, organizers collect thousands of donated toys from the drop off locations & load them into as many tractor trailer trucks as are needed to transport the toys to warehouses until they are distributed to needy children closer to Christmas. Last year, the Glen Cove Toys for Tots Drive gathered about 50,000 donated toys, the largest single donation effort in the entire country. Joe LaPadula, president of Martino Auto Concepts, started the event seven years ago to turn the toy pick up into a festive and heart-warming kickoff to the holiday season. What began as a gesture on his part to give back to his community has grown into a major event. This is such a wonderful event because giving to others is what the holidays are all about.

In 2017, the BID welcomed the following new businesses

- Wild Ginger
- Meritage Wine Bar Restaurant
- AMC Glen Cove 6
- House of Wings
- Thaiana Restaurant
- PetSmart
- Glen Cove Fitness
- One & Only Dental
- RXR Village Square



AMC Movies

The new AMC Glen Cove 6 had opened its door for the Glen Cove community after it finished its renovations. The new theater includes: plush power recliner seats, stadium seating, online ticketing, reserved ticketing and ticketless entry, expanded menu of snacks, new sound systems & speakers, and brand new movie screens. The reserved seating has given moviegoers the confidence that they had their selected seats ready when they arrived at the theater, & the ticketless entry has allowed guests to skip the box office entirely and access a ticket on their mobile device. The enhanced food and beverage options include chicken & waffle sandwiches, gourmet hot dogs & four Stone-Fired Flat Bread Pizza options. In addition, moviegoers can enjoy Coca-Cola Freestyle machines, which offer more than 120 drink options. This new theater is a marquee attraction which offers our residents and surrounding communities an exciting and convenient en-

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