



Lloyd Harbor Village Record



ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS

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Contributing articles are invited from residents on:

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Please submit articles for review by the last Wednesday of the month to:

Village Hall
32 Middle Hollow Road
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Fax: 631-549-8879

SAVE THE DATES!

October 15th - Hearing

Planning Board Hearing on Comprehensive Master Plan

• *Wednesday, October 15, 2008* •

7:30 PM at Village Hall

A letter of notification has gone out to all residents. The Plan may be viewed at www.lloydharbor.org or at Village Hall between 9-3:30 PM.

**The Friends of the Seminary of
the Immaculate Conception in Lloyd Harbor**

Invite you to join them for a
magnificent afternoon celebrating the Joy of Music

• *Sunday, October 19, 2008* •

3PM

in the Seminary Chapel

R.S.V.P. to The Seminary at 423-0483 ext. 102

Tickets are \$125 & include the concert,
cocktails & dinner to follow in the Refectory.

• *October 28th* •

Last day to mail Absentee Ballots for Election Day

Absentee Ballot Applications are available for the November 4th Election at the Village Hall, post offices & libraries. Completed applications must be postmarked not later than October 28th. Mail to Suffolk County Board of Elections, PO Box 700, Yaphank, NY 11980-0700.

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Lloyd Point Tennis Club

**A limited number of time slots are now available!
For Information please call 271 - 3976**

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The Lloyd Harbor Conservation Board presents:

“Greening Your Garden”

• Sunday, November 2, 2008 •

3 - 5 PM

Banbury Conference Center, Banbury Lane, Lloyd Harbor

Join us for an interesting & informative talk about the benefits of gardening organically. Save money & reduce toxic substances by using less water & no chemicals. Instead, use what Mother Nature offers us everyday. *Speakers Include:*

- Dr. Jonathan Lehrer, Prof. of Ornamental Horticulture on “Invasives - What are Your Alternatives?”
- Andrew Manitt, Research Director, Neighborhood Network on “4 Steps to an Organic Lawn”
- Blaise Guzzardo, Master Composter on “Composting - How & Why?”

Refreshments & Raffle



Presentation by the Lloyd Harbor Conservation Board & League of Women Voters of Huntington:

“Wetlands – Can Long Island have a Katrina-Like Disaster??”

• Thursday, November 13, 2008 •

7 - 9 PM

Cold Spring Harbor Library

Speakers include:

- Dr. Nicole Maher, The Nature Conservancy on “Current Research & Findings”
- Dr. William Muller, Prof. of Biology, NYIT on “Huntington’s Wetlands - Their Impact on LI Sound”
- Robin Kriesberg, Friends of the Bay on “Why Wetlands”
- Patricia Aitken, Friends of the Bay on “Monitoring Water Quality”

Refreshments Served

History Highlights

THE LEGEND OF ROSEMARY FARM

By Walter D. Kolos - Village Historian

On the northern edge of the West Neck peninsula stands one of the most historically significant properties in the Village of Lloyd Harbor. This promontory, overlooking the causeway and Oyster Bay, was the site of the legendary estate of Roland R. Conklin, called Rosemary Farm. It continues today as the site of Seminary of the Immaculate Conception.

“Rosemary Farm,” was one of the first grand estates of the 20th century in Lloyd Harbor. Begun in 1908, 18 years before the incorporation of the

Village, the Roland Ray Conklin property would become one of the most unique and whimsical places on Long Island.

Roland Ray Conklin

Born in Urbana, Illinois in 1858, Conklin was a descendant of the Conklin family who settled Huntington in the early seventeenth century. After college, he settled in Kansas City and became involved in the real estate business. Successful at first, his business collapsed in the stock market

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panic of 1893. He moved to New York in an attempt to re-establish his fortune. He eventually became vice president the North American Trust Company. As a fiscal agent he went to Cuba, and created a fortune by speculating in Cuban sugar.

On a trip to Paris, Conklin met opera singer Mary MacFadden, and persuaded her to marry him. MacFadden was the sister of Bernarr MacFadden, the often-controversial health enthusiast and physical culturist. The Conklin's social life would become inextricably tied to the world of theatre, dance and opera.

Rosemary Farm

Aware of his family's colonial roots, Roland Conklin decided to build a home in Huntington, at West Neck. He employed the architect Wilson Eyre to design his mansion, which he called "Rosemary Farm." Eyre created a design that was clearly English in style, employing architectural details such as double gables, overhanging bays and the grouping of windows often found in English manors. The house survived until December 1991, when it burned to the ground.

A Classical Amphitheatre

Actor William Faversham gave Conklin the idea to build a huge amphitheatre in the classical Greek style. The theatre would sit below the west side of the house, and would have a commanding view of Oyster Bay and the causeway marsh. The arduous task of construction began in 1918.

In building the amphitheatre, an existing creek was dammed to create a moat. Above this moat, the classical semi-circular showplace was constructed.

An elaborate system of pipes and valves was installed, so that water curtains could be used for the performances. Colored footlights were used to illuminate the stage.

This theatre, with its grand scale and commanding view, drew the attention of city dwellers and the local residents. In 1917, the famed Red Cross war relief benefit was held there. It drew a crowd of five thousand, and was considered to be the most elaborate outdoor event ever presented. The cast of actors included Sarah Bernhardt, John and Ethel Barrymore and Tyrone Power with music furnished by the legendary John Philip Sousa.

Purchase by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Brooklyn

The theatre productions continued for five years, on a decidedly smaller scale. Conklin's vast fortune began to shrink, and at one point he even had to move out of "Rosemary Hall" into the Crossman cottage below. Roland Conklin finally decided to sell the place, and in 1924 it was purchased by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Brooklyn. Other properties in the vicinity of "Rosemary Farm" would also be acquired by the Diocese.

The Conklin manor house, now owned by the Church, became the Institute of Philosophy on October 1, 1926. The pro-rector was the Reverend Thomas A. Sharkey. The entering class was comprised of twenty five students. The course of study was two years in duration, and its graduates were sent to study at seminaries in this country and abroad.

The Expanding Diocese

Thomas E. Malloy, the third Bishop of the Diocese of Brooklyn, realized the need for a seminary in his expanding diocese. According to an account in *Tales of Old Lloyd Harbor*, Bishop Malloy was looking for a secluded, beautiful place that would be conducive to study. Other places were considered for building a seminary, including part of the "Yates Farm" on Lloyd Lane which eventually became part of the Colgate Estate.

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According to Seminary sources, the establishment of a seminary was not well received by much of the local gentry. With the help of Judge Leander Faber, a West Neck resident, and some skillful maneuvering, permission to build was finally granted.

Also according to the *Tales of Old Lloyd Harbor*, construction of the Seminary began in 1928, at a cost of four million dollars, exactly as Bishop Malloy had expected. Completed in 1930, the Spanish Romanesque Seminary of the Immaculate Conception opened to accommodate a student body of two hundred-fifty.

The Seminary was well known throughout the Catholic world for its high standards of scholarship. Bishop Malloy took great interest in the seminary, and was especially sensitive to the needs and concerns of the seminarians. The death of bishop

Malloy in 1956 ended the first phase of the seminary's history. The following year the diocese split, The Diocese of Brooklyn would serve Brooklyn and Queens, and the newly formed Diocese of Rockville Centre would serve Nassau and Suffolk.

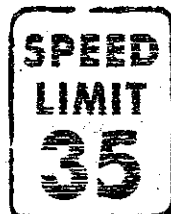
Connection with the Community

For decades, the Seminary and community had no connection. By the beginning of the 1980's, however, the Village and other institutions began interacting with the Seminary. Today there is a much closer relationship between the two entities.

The vanished legacy of "Rosemary Farm" and the continuing tradition the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception are an intriguing part of the Village's fabric. Both have served to enrich the quality of our community.

Police Department

The LHPD reminds residents that school is open, so please drive carefully! Village speed limit is 35 MPH.



The Village Park is patrolled all year, and stickers are required. Vehicles without a sticker risk being ticketed. Stickers are available from Village Hall.

