

## PLACES OF INTEREST

### BAILEY ARBORETUM

Bayville/Feeks Lane, Lattingtown.....571-8020  
Estate setting provides a natural backdrop for a magnificent collection of trees, shrubs and plants, many exceedingly rare. Open to Nassau County residents and guests.

### BAYVILLE HISTORICAL MUSEUM

34 School Street, Bayville.....628-1720  
or Village Hall.....628-1439  
The museum is housed, in part, in the only remaining building complex that was part of the Harrison Williams 88-acre estate called "Oak Point." It features several rooms of exhibits depicting Bayville's history, including a large room for changing exhibitions.

### EARLE-WIGHTMAN HOUSE

20 Summit Street, Oyster Bay.....922-5032  
A circa 1720 building restored and maintained by the Town of Oyster Bay, it is the home of the Oyster Bay Historical Society and houses a collection of Town memorabilia.

### GARVIES POINT MUSEUM

McLaughlin Avenue and Garvies Point Road  
Glen Cove (Entrance off Barry Drive).....571-8010  
Sixty-two-acre preserve includes 11 marked trails and features geologic specimens native to Long Island. Museum depicts early Native American culture and geologic history of Long Island through dioramas, charts and models.

### HICKSVILLE GREGORY MUSEUM

Heitz Place Courthouse, Hicksville.....822-7505  
Largest rock and mineral collection on Long Island along with more than 5,000 butterfly and moth specimens is housed in the historic Hicksville Courthouse ca. 1895. Courses offered in earth and natural sciences and Long Island history, as well as lectures, workshops and field trips.

## OYSTER BAY . . . NATURAL WONDERS, ENTERTAINMENT AND FAMILY FUN

The Town of Oyster Bay boasts one of the most revered suburban environments in the country . . . with all of the trimmings. The Town's suburban communities are famous for manicured lawns and quaint shopping areas, as well as sprawling malls and diverse terrain, evident as one travels from the level south shore to the hilly north shore. Our miles of pristine ocean and bay front beaches thread along both the north and south shores of Long Island. Community parks abound with activities all summer long, and virtually every age group can choose from a long list of activities and events on a daily basis. In addition, the Town of Oyster Bay sponsors one of the most renowned summer entertainment programs in the tri-state area, offering many consecutive nights of "Music Under The Stars".

Year-round cultural and recreational programs such as enrichment workshops, group walking, ice skating and tennis, as well as special programs for seniors and handicapped youngsters, are so numerous that the Town mails an annual calendar of events to each household. The calendar provides a daily listing of cultural, educational, sports and entertainment options for every age group, as well as Town Board meeting dates, tax filing dates and other important information.

### JOHN F. KENNEDY MEMORIAL WILDLIFE SANCTUARY

Lying along the southern boundary of the Town of Oyster Bay, the 500-acre sanctuary is considered to be one of the most important refuges for waterfowl in the northeast. Established in 1959, the sanctuary is owned by the Town of Oyster Bay and managed by the New York State Conservation Department. Visitors must obtain a pass from the Parks Department, 977 Hicksville Road, Massapequa, 797-4114.

### MUTTONTOWN NATURE PRESERVE

Muttontown Lane, East Norwich.....571-8500  
A 300-acre preserve includes miles of walking and self-guiding nature trails, bridle paths and practice rings. Operated by the Nassau County Museum System.

### OLD BETHPAGE VILLAGE RESTORATION

Round Swamp Road, Old Bethpage.....572-8401  
An authentic 19th century village nestled in a hidden valley of 209 sprawling acres. Historic buildings were moved here from various parts of

Long Island. Arts and crafts demonstrated by "villagers" in traditional period garb using authentic 19th century implements. Part of the Nassau County Museum System Interpretation Program.

### PLANTING FIELDS ARBORETUM

Planting Fields Road, Oyster Bay.....922-9200/1  
Four hundred acres, half formally landscaped, rest in natural state with trails. A horticultural show-place, including floral gardens and greenhouses. Supervised tours available.

### RAYNHAM HALL MUSEUM

20 West Main Street, Oyster Bay.....922-6808  
Home of Samuel Townsend family used as British headquarters during the American Revolution. Main house built ca. 1740; Victorian wing added 1851. Period furnishings, special exhibits.

### SAGAMORE HILL NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

Cove Neck Road, Oyster Bay.....922-4447  
Victorian Mansion completed in 1885 and recently refurbished, it served as Theodore Roosevelt's summer White House during his presidency. Old Orchard Museum, former residence of

Theodore, Jr. and his family, contains Roosevelt memorabilia, including original film clips shown in special narrated program.

### SEA CLIFF VILLAGE MUSEUM

95 10th Avenue, Sea Cliff.....671-0090  
Housed in a former Methodist parsonage, the museum focuses on the history of Sea Cliff. It contains an extensive photo collection, a costume exhibit, artifacts, documents and gift shop and sponsors special programs and exhibits.

### THEODORE ROOSEVELT MEMORIAL SANCTUARY & AUDUBON CENTER

Cove Road, Oyster Bay.....922-3200  
Owned by the National Audubon Society, the sanctuary contains 12 acres of unspoiled land and a self-guiding nature trail. Museum houses Long Island flora and fauna exhibits. Adjacent to Young's Cemetery, final resting place of Theodore Roosevelt.

### TACKAPAUSHA MUSEUM AND PRESERVE

Washington Avenue, Seaford.....571-7443  
Eighty-acre preserve with five miles of lush trails and many live animals. Guided tours (*school children only*) available.

### TOWNSEND MUSEUM

107 East Main Street, Oyster Bay...922-5434  
This museum was created in 1982 to display historical family memorabilia relating to John, Henry and Richard Townsend, 17th century settlers of Long Island, and their descendants, as well as all other early settlers of the United States by the name of Townsend and their descendants. Includes maps, portraits, books, furniture and genealogical records.

*For specific information regarding fees and hours of operation, contact individual facilities.*

## BEACHES AND PARKS

Bethpage Community Park & Pool.....733-8404  
 Centre Island Beach, Bayville.....624-6124  
 Charles A. Ransom Beach, Bayville...624-6160  
 Ellsworth W. Allen Park, Farmingdale..755-1842  
 Philip B. Healey Beach at  
 Florence Avenue, Massapequa...797-7994  
 John J. Burns Park, Massapequa.....797-7980  
 Marjorie R. Post Community Park  
 & Pool, Massapequa.....797-7990  
 Plainview-Old Bethpage Community  
 Park & Pool.....733-8400  
 Stehli Beach, Bayville.....624-6125  
 Syosset-Woodbury Community  
 Park & Pool, Woodbury.....677-5990  
 Harry Tappen Beach & Pool, Glenwood  
 Landing.....674-7100  
 Theodore Roosevelt Memorial  
 Park & Beach, Oyster Bay.....624-6202  
 Tobay Beach, Massapequa.....679-3900  
**Town Golf Course**.....677-5960  
 Starter.....677-5977 or 677-5978  
 Pro Shop.....677-5973  
 The Woodland's Rest. & Catering...921-5707  
 Passion Fish at the Woodlands.....921-6024

## Town of Oyster Bay

For further information, please contact  
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## **A Message From Town Supervisor JOHN VENDITTO**



Dear Visitor,

"Live, Work and Play in Oyster Bay" has been the Town slogan for many years. I find it particularly meaningful because I never get tired of telling people about our very special Town and all its beauty and diversity. The slogan, however, should also mention that the

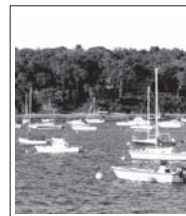
Town of Oyster Bay is a great place to visit.

The Town of Oyster Bay stretches from the Atlantic Ocean on its southern border to the Long Island Sound on the north shore. Each of its communities has a distinctly unique flavor complete with historical places of interest and outstanding beaches. Some boast diverse shopping, fine dining or host world-famous festivals and street fairs. Others have pristine beaches, hiking trails, nature preserves, wildlife sanctuaries or legendary golf courses. If you're looking for fun, you'll find it in Oyster Bay.

From Sound to Sea, Oyster Bay is the place to be. With that in mind, we've prepared this handy and comprehensive brochure as a guide to use when visiting our Town. It features the locations and phone numbers of various points of interest in the Town, events and local activities.

We want you to find out why the Town of Oyster Bay is truly "Long Island's Pearl".

## **A brief history...**



The Town of Oyster Bay enjoys a rich and well-documented history. The first known European to sail past Long Island's south shore was Giovanni de Verrazano in 1524. David deVries was the first to record the name of Oyster Bay for the beautiful harbor on the Town's north shore in 1639.

During the Revolutionary War, British troops used Raynham Hall in Oyster Bay hamlet as their headquarters, the hall being the home of patriot Samuel Townsend and currently a museum.

After the Revolution, Oyster Bay continued primarily as an agricultural area through the nineteenth century. It didn't come into national prominence again until the presidency of Theodore Roosevelt, an Oyster Bay resident whose home, Sagamore Hill, served as the "summer White House" from 1902 to 1908. This huge Victorian mansion, with its original furnishings, was dedicated as a national shrine during the administration of President Eisenhower. It has since been completely restored and is open to the public.

With the advent of World Wars I and II, the Town's primarily agricultural economy began changing to one of industry and business, especially in the area of aeronautics. Farmlands gave way to business complexes, factories and new housing. Today, Oyster Bay enjoys a well-balanced blend of commercial, residential and recreational development, leading to the Town's slogan that "Oyster Bay is a great place to live, work and play."

**"On June 4th, I anchored in a commodious haven on the north of Long Island. We found fine oysters there, from which the Dutch call it Oyster Bay."**

**Diary of David deVries,**