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LATE SUMMER SUNSET ON THE SOUTH SHORE.

Welcome to Nassau County, Long Island.

We are incredibly proud of Nassau County, an exciting and dynamic place to visit, just steps from New York City.

We look forward to your visit – to experience and enjoy our natural beauty, our rich history and our many attractions. Nassau County is less than 20 miles from Times Square, the “Crossroads of the World,” easily reached by car or the Long Island Rail Road, and less than a half-hour ride from LaGuardia, Kennedy and MacArthur airports.

Come enjoy our acres of beautiful white sand beaches on the Atlantic Ocean and miles of rugged coastline on the tranquil Long Island Sound. And in between, discover our charming villages and

downtowns, fascinating and kid-friendly museums, world-class shopping, top-notch hotels and restaurants, scenic hiking trails, picturesque public gardens, bike paths, swimming, surfing, boating and fishing. Plus, there are plenty of free, near-free and affordable events and attractions all year long.

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Wishing you safe and pleasant travels,



Edward P. Mangano

Nassau County Executive

10 NOT-TO-MISS DESTINATIONS

Entertaining. Exciting. Relaxing. Fun.
Enriching. Delicious.

These are some of the words that will come to mind as you experience Nassau County. We cordially invite you to stroll our villages and cool downtowns, dine at our restaurants, hike

our nature trails, peruse our museums, shop our stores, fish the ocean and the Sound, and bask at one of our world-class beaches. Or, just take in a sunset on the beautiful and historic Gold Coast.

We hope that each experience makes you want to return again and again.

To get started, here are 10 attractions that need to be on your must-see list in Nassau County.

AMERICANA MANHASSET It's been called the Rodeo Drive of the East Coast, with over 60 international boutiques in one gorgeous location, less than 25 miles from Times Square. This premiere shopping destination features the finest in luxury merchandise and unparalleled customer service. The shops include Burberry, Cartier, Chanel, Coach, Dior, Fendi, Gucci, Hermès, Louis Vuitton, Prada, Ralph Lauren and Tiffany & Co and others.

BELMONT PARK Home of the third leg of thoroughbred horse racing's Triple Crown, Belmont Park is one of the oldest – and most beautiful – tracks in the nation. It's where equine legends are made and dreams come true. With its home on the western edge of Nassau County, Belmont Park is quick and easy to get to via public transportation and by car. A day at the races can be had for as little as \$3 (betting is extra, of course). There's also quality dining, plus picnic facilities and, for kids, pony rides, a petting zoo and shows.

BETHPAGE BLACK GOLF COURSE/

BETHPAGE STATE PARK Play where the pros play. Or just come out and watch them. The challenging Bethpage Black course gained international fame when Tiger Woods conquered its rolling hills at the 2002 U.S. Open and again when the world's top pros teed off at the 2009 U.S. Open. Facilities include four other color-coded 18-hole championship-length courses

and a clubhouse/restaurant. You can also picnic, hike, bicycle, play tennis and ride horses on the 1,475 acres of Bethpage State Park. And when the snow falls, come out for sledding and cross-country skiing.

MUSEUM ROW Many of the county's museums are kid-focused and kid-friendly. The Cradle of Aviation's eight galleries honor Nassau County's rich aviation history. They feature 70 aircraft and spacecraft, including one of the few remaining locally built lunar modules, and one of Charles Lindbergh's planes. The complex also includes the IMAX Dome Theater. A short walk away on Museum Row, the Long Island Children's Museum (LICM) features 12 state-of-the-art galleries with many interactive exhibits. Nunley's Carousel has been restored, providing families with a unique and historical recreational experience. The newest Museum Row attraction, the Nassau County Firefighters Museum & Education Center, is a 10,000-square-foot facility with interactive exhibits showcasing local fire departments with their memorabilia and modern equipment. A bonus for history buffs: the African-American Museum is nearby in Hempstead Village.

FALAISE/SANDS POINT PARK & PRESERVE Time stopped in the 1920s at this 216-acre treasure on Nassau's North Shore, where three outstanding examples of Gold Coast architecture stand. Once the home of railroad heir Howard Gould and later purchased by Daniel and Florence Guggenheim, the complex contains the



Photo by Robert Lipper

JONES BEACH STATE PARK.

massive Hempstead House and Castle Gould stable. The third house, Falaise, is a Normandy-style manor house set on a cliff overlooking a breathtaking stretch of Hempstead Harbor on Long Island Sound.

JONES BEACH STATE PARK The largest public beach in the world offers 6.5 miles of uninterrupted Atlantic Ocean beachfront, two public swimming pools and a smaller beach on Zach's Bay.



Photo by Carl Norr

CRADLE OF AVIATION MUSEUM IN GARDEN CITY.

The Jones Beach Boardwalk spans two miles of the white sand beach. Along the boardwalk perimeter are basketball courts and deck games, a band shell offering free concerts and social dancing, plus a pitch and putt golf course. You can surf cast on the beach and fish from piers, tie up your boat at a marina, go bird watching or view displays at the Theodore Roosevelt Nature Center. The Bethpage Federal Credit Union Air Show at Jones Beach on Memorial Day weekend and rock concerts at the open air Nikon at Jones Beach Theater are perennial summer highlights. And if it's just cruising you're after, the best waterside drive around is the scenic Ocean Parkway, which passes the distinctive Jones Beach Tower.

LONG BEACH Following the construction of the Long Beach Boardwalk in 1907, this little city on Nassau County's south shore became known as the Riviera of the East. Today, the beachfront community offers an endless summer ambience, with hip bars and restaurants in the downtown area,

and the Atlantic surf always beckoning a few blocks away. The communities of Atlantic Beach, Lido Beach and Point Lookout are located on the same barrier island.

OLD BETHPAGE VILLAGE RESTORATION

Old Bethpage is treasured for its accurate depictions of farm life during the years before the American Civil War. The 51 historic buildings on the 209-acre site include an inn, a store and a church that were transported from all over Long Island. Actors in period costume bring the era to life with demonstrations of crafts and farm work. Old Bethpage hosts special events including the Long Island Fair, A Haunted Long Island 1880 Halloween and holiday Candlelight Evenings.

OLD WESTBURY GARDENS The centerpiece is Westbury House, a Charles II-style mansion where the Phipps family lived for 50 years. Today you can tour this palatial home and enjoy a window on Long

Island's Gilded Age. The 160-acre property features astoundingly beautiful gardens with sweeping lawns, woods, ponds and lakes, and more than 100 species of trees. Old Westbury regularly hosts concerts, lectures and other special events.

SAGAMORE HILL NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

Bully! This is the word for Theodore Roosevelt's home in Oyster Bay. The out-sized legacy of the 26th President of the United States, still one of the most popular of our American presidents, lives on at Long Island's only National Historic Site, which served as the Summer White House from 1902-1908. Tours showcase rooms with many pieces of original Roosevelt furniture and artifacts. Nearby, in the Youngs Memorial Cemetery, you can pay respects at the gravesites of T.R. and his wife, Edith. The Theodore Roosevelt Sanctuary and Audubon Center, also in Oyster Bay, was the first Audubon songbird sanctuary in the nation.

THE GOLD COAST

Grand entryways and opulent staircases. Dazzling chandeliers, vaulted ceilings and ballrooms fit for kings. Kitchens built to serve hundreds of guests. Stone gargoyles looking down from rooflines. These are among the lavish features of the great mansions of Nassau County's Gold Coast.

The Gold Coast earned its nickname during

the period of American prosperity from the late 19th through the early 20th centuries. In that era, known as the Gilded Age, fortunes were made by barons of industry and commerce, as well as stars of stage and screen and other international notables. They spent time at North Shore estates that were their private playgrounds.



Photo by Carl Norr

FALAISE MANSION AT SANDS POINT PRESERVE.

The great estates they built, with their ornate gardens and unique manses, were the weekend getaways and summer retreats of men such as international financier J.P. Morgan, five-and-dime-store pioneer F.W. Woolworth, auto magnate Walter P. Chrysler, and their families. Among the North Shore elite were families with emblematic names such as Vanderbilt, Phipps, Pratt and Roosevelt. Their lifestyles, wardrobes and parties were legend, and their visitors ranged from the Great Caruso to Chaplin.

And of course, F. Scott Fitzgerald captured the spirit of the age in his classic Gold Coast book, *"The Great Gatsby,"* which many consider to be the Great American Novel. It was written, by the way, in an apartment in Great Neck.

Nowadays, the Gold Coast of legend continues to live on in the preserved estates on Nassau County's North Shore.

Among the preserved Gold Coast mansions open to the public for touring are:

SAGAMORE HILL NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE From 1902 to 1908, when Theodore Roosevelt served as the 26th President of the United States, this was the "Summer White House." He lived there until his death in 1919. Managed by the National Park Service, a federal agency within the U.S. Department of the Interior, the Roosevelt home is a museum containing family memorabilia and furnishings.

OLD WESTBURY GARDENS The former estate of John S. and Margarita Grace Phipps and their four children in Old Westbury, the site contains formal gardens, landscaped grounds, woodlands, ponds and lakes. Westbury House features original antique furnishings and artwork.

SANDS POINT PARK AND PRESERVE Operated by the Nassau County Department of Parks, Recreation and Museums, the Sands Point site features three castle-like mansions. Hempstead House, originally built by Howard Gould, was later the home of Daniel and Florence Guggenheim beginning in 1917. Castle Gould, built in 1902, was once the carriage house of Howard Gould's estate. Falaise was built for Harry F. Guggenheim and his wife Caroline Morton in 1923.

CHELSEA MANSION The 40-room mansion, located on the northern end of Muttontown Preserve in East Norwich, was built by Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Moore in 1924. It is considered to be an

example of the design ideas prevalent during the latter part of the Gold Coast era.

CEDARMERE American poet William Cullen Bryant lived in this house in Roslyn from 1843 until his death in 1878. The seven-acre estate was bequeathed to Nassau County by his descendants, as a memorial to the poet. Operated by the Nassau County Department of Parks, Recreation and Museums, the site features a Gothic mill, a pond spanned by a stone bridge and a small formal garden.

PLANTING FIELDS ARBORETUM STATE HISTORIC PARK The former home of Standard Oil heiress Mai Rogers Coe, her husband, insurance executive William R. Coe, and their four children. The 409-acre Oyster Bay site is a public garden featuring an arboretum, greenhouses, the 65-room Tudor Revival Coe Hall mansion and its restored period rooms, and Camellia House, the latter holding the largest collection of flowering camellia bushes in the Northeast.

THE NASSAU COUNTY MUSEUM OF ART The museum is housed in the former estate of Childs Frick, son of U.S. Steel co-founder Henry Clay Frick, who received the estate as a wedding gift in 1919. Nassau County purchased the estate for a museum in 1969, and the museum was privatized in 1989. The 145-acre campus includes the main museum, the Tee Ridder Miniatures Museum, formal gardens and a collection of monumental outdoor sculpture.

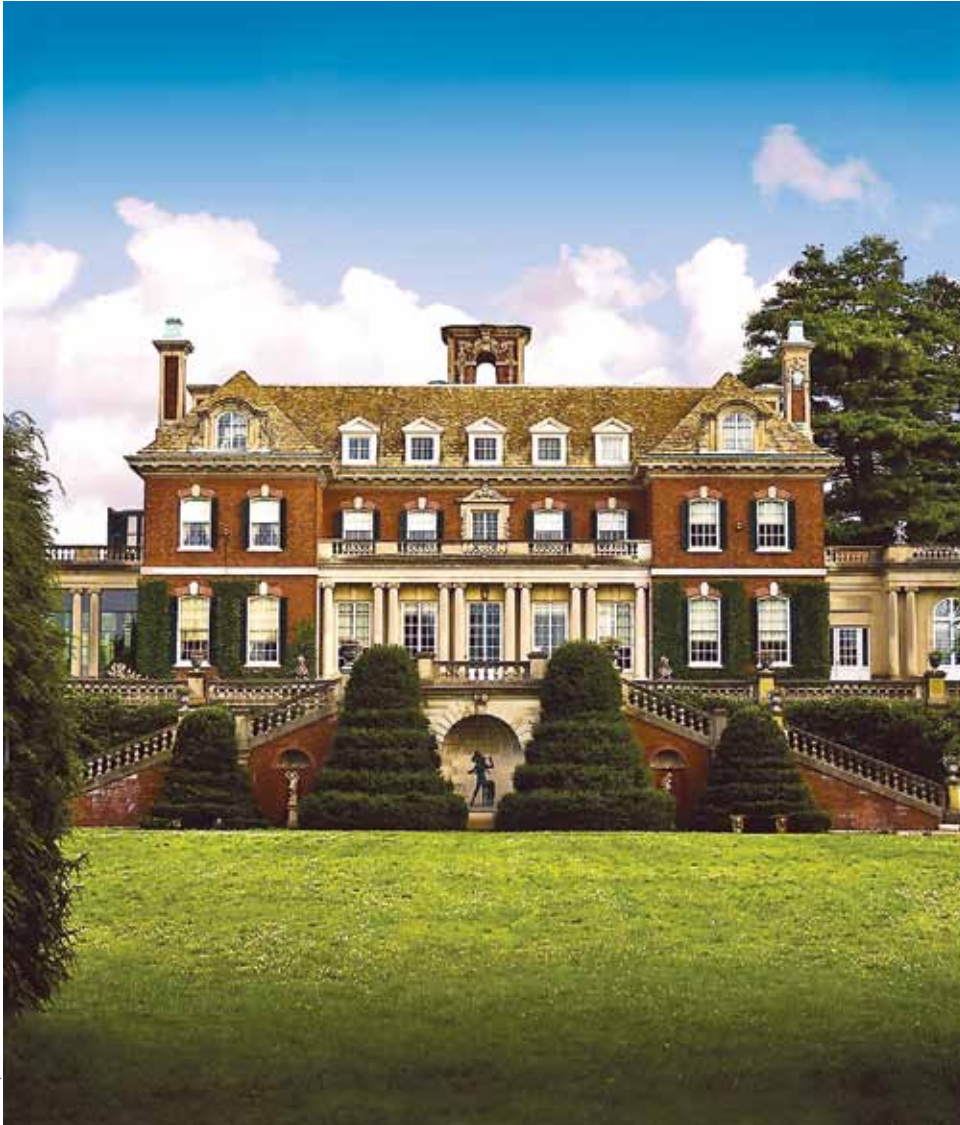


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WESTBURY HOUSE MANSION AT OLD WESTBURY GARDENS.

THE UNITED STATES MERCHANT MARINE ACADEMY

The former estate of auto magnate Walter P. Chrysler in Kings Point on the Great Neck Peninsula was acquired by the federal government in 1943, and the Academy was dedicated on September 30, 1943, by President Franklin D. Roosevelt. The campus includes the American Merchant Marine Museum.

C.W. POST CAMPUS OF LONG ISLAND UNIVERSITY

The 307-acre campus contains the Tudor/Elizabethan-style mansion of its onetime owners, Post Cereal heiress Marjorie Merriweather Post and her husband Edward F. Hutton.

HOFSTRA UNIVERSITY Administration offices on the South Campus are housed inside The Netherlands, the former home of lumber and pulp

paper millionaire William S. Hofstra and his wife, Kate Mason Hofstra. The building is now known as Hofstra Hall.

THE DE SEVERSKY CENTER Alfred I. Du Pont, a businessman, inventor and philanthropist, commissioned the neo-classical Georgian mansion in 1916. It was owned by the Guest family from 1926 to 1972, when it was purchased by New York Institute of Technology in Old Westbury and named in honor of the famous Russian aviator, Alexander P. de Seversky.

Visitors to the Gold Coast can also see historic structures from earlier eras, such as the **SADDLE ROCK GRIST MILL** in Great Neck, one of the oldest tidal grist mills in America, and the c.1680 **VAN NOSTRAND-STARKINS HOUSE MUSEUM** in Roslyn.

ON LOCATION

With its early 20th century Gold Coast mansions, dazzling beaches, waterfront parks, nature preserves and scenic villages – all close to New York City – Nassau County is an ideal location for film, television and commercial production.

Nassau County has been prominent in some very famous productions. You can visit many of these locations and imagine what it must have been like when they called, “Action!”

Here are some of the classics:

- Probably the most famous scene shot in Nassau County is the one from *The Godfather*, where a racehorse’s severed head is found under the covers in a mansion bedroom. The location was Falaise in the Sands Point Preserve in Port Washington.
- Old Westbury Gardens was featured prominently in the **CARY GRANT/ALFRED HITCHCOCK** classic, *North by Northwest*, as was Glen Cove’s Pratt Estate. **RAY MILLAND** and **RYAN O’NEAL** filmed part of the 1970 tearjerker, *Love Story*, in the library at Old Westbury Gardens, as well.
- Glen Cove was the setting for both versions of the romantic comedy, *Sabrina*, about a wealthy playboy and a chauffeur’s daughter. The 1954 film classic starred **HUMPHREY BOGART** and **AUDREY HEPBURN**, while the 1995 remake featured **HARRISON FORD** and **JULIA ORMOND**.
- In another famous *Godfather* scene, Sonny Corleone is gunned down at a toll plaza, filmed on an abandoned runway at Mitchel Field.
- More recently, the big-budget action/thriller *Salt* (2010) starring **ANGELINA JOLIE** and Oscar-nominated feature films such as *The Good Shepherd* (2006), directed by **ROBERT DENIRO** and starring **MATT DAMON** and **ANGELINA JOLIE**, and *American Gangster* (2006) with **DENZEL WASHINGTON** have been shot here. Meanwhile, television shows such as *Gossip Girl*, *The Apprentice*, *The Sopranos*, *Law & Order*, *30 Rock*, and *Rescue Me* have used Nassau locations.

ART, CULTURE & HISTORY

Nassau County offers an amazing variety of museums and historic sites. Sheltered in a wooded preserve in Glen Cove is a museum featuring Native American archeology. Just off Route 25A are some of the world's most highly

valued paintings and sculptures. Along Museum Row in Garden City, three interactive museums await discovery by you and your children. We warmly invite you to discover Nassau's trove of cultural, historic and artistic treasures.



Photo by Robert Lipper

COLD SPRING HARBOR FISH HATCHERY HAS BEEN OPERATING FOR 125 YEARS.

AFRICAN-AMERICAN MUSEUM OF NASSAU COUNTY The 6,000-square-foot facility explores the history of African-Americans on Long Island and the African-American contribution to the social and cultural development of American society.

AMERICAN MERCHANT MARINE MUSEUM OF THE UNITED STATES MERCHANT MARINE ACADEMY The museum houses the academy's extensive collection of marine art, ship models and nautical artifacts. Located on the former Walter P. Chrysler estate.

CEDARMERE The seven-acre property overlooking Roslyn Harbor includes the home of

renowned 19th-century poet, newspaper editor and civic leader William Cullen Bryant.

CHRISTOPHER MORLEY KNOTHOLE This rustic cabin, relocated to Christopher Morley Park in Roslyn-North Hills, was once the one room Roslyn studio of Morley, one of the 20th century's foremost American men of letters.

COLD SPRING HARBOR FISH HATCHERY AND AQUARIUM Celebrating its 128th anniversary year, this non-profit educational center teaches visitors about the freshwater ecosystems of New York. For almost a century, it has been a New York State trout hatchery. It houses the largest collection of New York State freshwater reptiles, fish and amphibians.

COLD SPRING HARBOR LABORATORY

A private, non-profit basic research and educational institution conducting research in cancer, neurobiology, plant genetics and bioinformatics. Founded in 1890, the laboratory offers public tours and concerts.

THE CRADLE OF AVIATION MUSEUM

Brings to life Long Island's major role in aviation and aerospace, from the early days of kites and ballooning to the race to the moon. Features aircraft used during the early development of flight (including a sister ship of Charles Lindbergh's "Spirit of St. Louis" that Lindy flew), as well as aircraft from World Wars I & II, and from the jet and space ages, including a Lunar Module.

GARVIES POINT MUSEUM AND PRESERVE

A center for research and exhibits on Long Island geology and the island's Native American archaeology. Among the newer exhibits: "The Seasonal Round," a diorama exploring Long Island Native American life throughout the seasons.

THE HICKSVILLE GREGORY MUSEUM

Located inside the Heitz Place Courthouse, which was built in the 1890s. Collections are of minerals, fossils and butterflies.

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL & TOLERANCE CENTER OF NASSAU COUNTY

Renovation is complete at the Holocaust Memorial, where a new exhibit opened in January 2010. The 2500-square-foot state-of-the-art, multi-media exhibit showcases artifacts and video stations featuring short films displaying archival footage

and testimony from local survivors. There is also a room devoted to traveling exhibits. Private tours are available by calling 516-571-8040.

LONG ISLAND CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

Part of the Museum Row Complex in East Garden City. The museum welcomes over 265,000 children annually to enjoy educational hands-on experiences. The museum is housed inside a historic Mitchel Field airplane hangar.

LONG ISLAND STUDIES INSTITUTE

A cooperative project between Hofstra University and Nassau County, the institute is a center for the study of Long Island local and regional history. Holdings include the Nassau County Museum collection and the James N. MacLean Nassau County American Legion Memorial collection.

NASSAU COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS

MUSEUM & EDUCATION CENTER One of the County's newest museums. Exhibits in the nearly 10,000-square-foot interactive facility trace the history of firefighting in Nassau County. Exhibit highlights include antique and contemporary apparatus and gear.

THE NASSAU COUNTY MUSEUM OF ART

Located on the grounds and inside the restored Neo-classical-style mansion on the former estate of Childs Frick, son of U.S. Steel cofounder Henry Clay Frick. Work of acclaimed artists is shown in the main museum building. The 145-acre property also showcases outdoor sculpture by major international artists and the Tee Ridder Miniatures Museum.

NASSAU COUNTY POLICE GEORGE F.

MAHER MUSEUM A repository for police memorabilia dating to 1925, it is located inside Police Headquarters in Mineola.

OLD BETHPAGE VILLAGE

RESTORATION The 209-acre site depicts farm life during the years before the American Civil War through 51 historic buildings and actors in period costume. Special events recreating Long Island history are held throughout the year.

OLD WESTBURY GARDENS

The historic centerpiece is Westbury House, a Charles II-style mansion once owned by the prominent Phipps family. The surrounding gardens feature sweeping lawns, woods, ponds and lakes, and more than 100 species of trees. Concerts, lectures and other special events are regularly hosted here.

OYSTER BAY RAILROAD MUSEUM

Currently located in a preview center in downtown Oyster Bay open on weekends, and featuring railroad-themed displays and a gift shop, the museum will eventually occupy the restored historic Oyster Bay railroad station. A nearby display yard open weekends



Photo by Carl Norr

A BLACKSMITH TENDS THE FIRE AT OLD BETHPAGE VILLAGE RESTORATION.

HISTORY MADE HERE

Nassau County's contributions to aviation alone earn us a place in the history books.

In 1927 **CHARLES LINDBERGH** took off on his historic non-stop trans-Atlantic flight from New York to Paris from a field on the current site of the Roosevelt Field Mall. You can see one of Lucky Lindy's airplanes – as well as many other treasures from the era – on display in the Cradle of Aviation Museum on Museum Row in East Garden City. Lindbergh was the most prominent of the many early aviators who set records from the airfields around Mineola, the County Seat.

But the County has also been the scene of many other historic moments and developments.

- Levittown is the birthplace of suburbia. In 1947, the first units of 17,400 freestanding houses were started on former potato fields, ushering in a new era of affordable housing and of suburban developments across the nation. The first U.S. airmail flight took off from Garden City and landed in Mineola in 1911.

- President **THEODORE ROOSEVELT** hailed from Oyster Bay. At 42, Roosevelt was the youngest person ever to become President. He was the first American to win a Nobel Peace Prize, his in 1906, for negotiating the end of the Russo-Japanese War. From 1902 to 1908, T.R.'s Sagamore Hill home was the summer White House. It is now a National Historic Site and attracts visitors from throughout the world.

- On June 30, 1899, **CHARLES MURPHY** earned the nickname "Mile-a-Minute Murphy" by

becoming the first person to pedal a bike a mile in 57-4/5 seconds on a wooden track near Hempstead.

- In 1906, **BURGOMASTER** won the first Belmont Stakes at Belmont Park in Elmont, which had opened just the year before.

- **F. SCOTT FITZGERALD** wrote *The Great Gatsby*, which many literature experts consider the Great American Novel, in the early 1920s inside a rented house on Gateway Drive in Great Neck. In rooms above the house's attached garage, he created those famous characters, as well as the setting for the novel: the towns West Egg (Great Neck) and East Egg (the Port Washington Peninsula including Manhasset).

- Other celebrated names who lived on the Gold Coast during Fitzgerald's Jazz Age were showman **GEORGE M. COHAN**, humorist **P. G. WODEHOUSE**, playwright **GEORGE S. KAUFMAN** and lyricist **OSCAR HAMMERSTEIN**. **GROUCHO MARX** lived in Great Neck, from where he commuted to the Broadway stage and Astoria movie studios during the late 1920s.

- The Vanderbilt Cup Race, the first international auto race in the United States, began at 6 a.m. on Oct. 4, 1904, and ran a course including Jericho Turnpike, Bethpage Turnpike and Hempstead Turnpike. The brainchild of **WILLIAM K. VANDERBILT II**, the race helped popularize the new contraptions called automobiles.

- On Aug. 4, 1929, Jones Beach State Park, one of America's great public parks, opened for the first time, completing a vision laid out by **ROBERT MOSES**, New York's celebrated "Master Builder."

ARTS, CULTURE & HISTORY



Photo by Carl Norr

SAGAMORE HILL NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE IN OYSTER BAY.

from April to December features a turntable, the restored Locomotive #35 and other historic items.

PAGAN-FLETCHER RESTORATION Operated by the Valley Stream Historic Society, this museum of local history is located in a house built in 1840. The original owner, Scottish immigrant farmer Robert Pagan, is credited with giving Valley Stream its name.

RAYNHAM HALL MUSEUM The prominent Townsend family lived in this 22-room house in Oyster Bay from 1740-1880. Displays include more than 5,000 items of furniture, tableware and other artifacts. The permanent collection includes a letter written by General George Washington in 1777.

ROCK HALL MUSEUM A pre-Revolutionary home built in 1767 for Josiah Martin, a wealthy plantation owner, the Georgian-style building belonged to the Martin and Hewlett families for 125 years. It opened as a museum in 1953.

ROSLYN GRIST MILL Dating to 1735, and one of the few Dutch-framed colonial commercial structures in the U.S., the mill is in the process of being restored, and can be viewed only from the outside.

SADDLE ROCK GRIST MILL In operation as early as 1700, the mill has been restored to the way it looked in the 19th century. One of the few remaining tidal mills left in the country, it overlooks Little Neck Bay.

SAGAMORE HILL NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE Long Island's only National Historic Site.

The 23-room Victorian mansion in Oyster Bay, the home of President Theodore Roosevelt, served as his Summer White House from 1902-1908. Exhibits include family artifacts and audio-visual programs about Roosevelt's family life and career.

SANDS POINT PRESERVE A 216-acre complex with three outstanding examples of Gold Coast architecture once owned by the legendary Guggenheim family: Hempstead House, Castlegould and Falaise. The site also features exhibits and nature trails.

SANDS-WILLETS HOUSE The Cow Neck Historical Society maintains this historic farmhouse, located in the incorporated village of Flower Hill, and named for the two distinguished Long Island families who lived there. The property dates from the early 1700s, and is now a museum and education center.

SCIENCE MUSEUM OF LONG ISLAND Located on the grounds of Leeds Pond Preserve, Manhasset. The not-for-profit science activity center offers enrichment workshops for children.

TACKAPAUSHA MUSEUM Another site extremely popular with families. The 84-acre

preserve has exhibits of Long Island wildlife and their habitats, plus several miles of nature trails.

VETERANS MEMORIAL PLAZA & 9/11 MEMORIAL AT EISENHOWER PARK

Veterans Memorial Plaza is a place to reflect and honor Nassau County's heroes of past wars. An area set aside in the park includes a Wall of Honor listing Nassau County veterans, living and deceased; Prisoner of War-Missing in Action and Korean War monuments; memorials to World War II, Medal of Honor and Purple Heart recipients; Gold Star Parents of deceased veterans; and doctors and nurses who served in war. The new 9/11 Memorial, dedicated in September 2008, honors the victims of the 2001 attack on the World Trade Center in nearby New York City, including more than 290 Nassau County residents who perished that day. The monument, which includes steel from the original World Trade Center, is located alongside the park lake.

WANTAGH HISTORICAL SOCIETY RAILROAD MUSEUM

The museum is housed in three historic structures: The Station, built in 1885; The "Jamaica" Railroad Car (1912); and the Original Wantagh Post Office (1907). The Station contains a collection of turn-of-the-century photographs.

OUTDOOR ADVENTURE, PARKS & PRESERVES

Bring along your spirit of adventure, your favorite outdoor gear – or just a blanket and picnic lunch – and discover any of the more than 30 spectacular public parks in Nassau County. Explore the bucolic splendor or

choose from a wide variety of exciting activities while being just minutes away from the city. Most of the County and State parks stay open year-round, providing a breadth of things to do, no matter what the season.

The County's 287 square miles harbor many acres of beautiful parkland and preserves, including waterfront playlands and campsites. Your family can spend quality time fishing, boating, hiking, biking, mountain biking, bird-watching or just simply enjoying nature. You can also picnic, or watch a glorious sunset over Long Island Sound from a peaceful North Shore park.

Wherever you go in Nassau County, you will never be far from a park facility or preserve full of wonderful things to do and see. Here are some of the major parks located throughout the County:

EISENHOWER PARK If there ever was an “all-in-one” sports facility, Eisenhower Park fits the bill. Established in 1944 as part of a vision to create a Central Park for Long Island, in 1969 it was named in honor of Dwight D. Eisenhower, the 34th President of the United States and Supreme Commander of the Allied Forces in Europe during World War II. Nowadays, the 930-acre park operated by the Nassau County Department of Parks, Recreation & Museums offers every kind of leisure activity imaginable. In addition to three public 18-hole golf courses including the renowned Red Course (see page 16), the park has a driving range with 60 bays and night hours in season.

The park's amenities also include 16 lighted tennis courts, 17 baseball fields (14 for softball and three for hardball), four soccer fields, three football fields, a basketball court, and a batting cage with nine separate batting areas. Still looking for something to do? You can also work out on the new two-mile

fitness trail, play miniature golf with the kids, watch the kiddies romp at one of three playground areas, or have a picnic in a reserved or non-reserved area. You can jog, play bocci ball, and even relax with a game of chess or checkers on inlaid boards.

No visit to Eisenhower Park would be complete without stopping at the world-class Nassau County Aquatic Center. Built in 1998 for the Goodwill Games, it is one of the finest swimming facilities in the nation and features a “stretch” 50-meter pool (68 meters long) and a 25-meter diving well with competition diving towers, platforms and springboards. You can take swimming lessons (for toddlers, youngsters and teens), participate in a water exercise class, or work out in a fitness center located above the pool. Note: a Leisure Pass is required for some activities, so call ahead for information.

CANTIAGUE PARK When it opened in Hicksville in 1961, the 127-acre Cantiague Park was the second public park in Nassau County and the first County park to feature a swimming pool and an artificial ice skating rink. The swimming pool complex now features an Olympic-sized pool, two water slides, a diving pool, a “kiddie” pool, a training pool, an interactive water-play area, lockers, showers and a refreshment area. The ice skating rink is also a top quality facility. Olympic gold medalist Nancy Kerrigan performed there, and the New York Islanders practiced at the indoor rink from 1979-92. For a nominal fee, you and your family can participate in recreational skating and ice hockey. Cantiague also features a nine-hole, par 30 golf course and driving range with enclosed stalls,



NASSAU COUNTY AQUATIC CENTER AT EISENHOWER PARK IN EAST MEADOW.

five tennis courts, six handball/paddleball courts, three basketball courts, ball fields, a playground and picnic areas. In summer 2008, an artificial turf field was opened for football, soccer and lacrosse.

OUTDOOR ADVENTURE, PARKS & PRESERVES

WANTAGH PARK Part of the County park system since 1961, this 111-acre facility is located on the scenic Great South Bay. You can enjoy this park by simply sitting on a bench and taking in the view, but many also come for a diversity of outdoor activities. You can walk or jog on a two-mile fitness trail, or cavort in the swimming complex's Olympic size main pool, diving pool, "kiddie" pool, training pool, interactive water-play area or two 30-foot waterslides. The park also has tennis courts, ball fields, bicycle and jogging paths and an enclosed dog run with separate areas for small and large canines. Within the park are a marina/boat launch ramp and a fishing pier.

Here are other County parks, listed in alphabetical order:

BAY PARK The scenic 96-acre park nestled between East Rockaway Channel and Hewlett Bay offers golfing on an executive-level, nine-hole par 30 course. One of the holes is 352 yards long, so bring your driver! It also offers facilities for tennis, basketball, baseball, soccer, football, lacrosse and rugby. An outdoor roller rink and a saltwater fishing dock/launch ramp are also among the amenities at this Nassau treasure.

CEDAR CREEK PARK Within the park's 265 acres in Seaford are a bicycle path, a field for flying radio-controlled model planes, ball fields, an outdoor roller-skating rink, a dog run and a jogging course.

CENTENNIAL PARK In Roosevelt, this recently renovated two-acre park's amenities include a new state-of-the-art playground with eight swings, climbing apparatus and slides. The renovated basketball courts are outfitted with a dozen basketball hoops that have fiberglass backboards and color-coated courts. Basketball legend Julius Erving ("Doctor J"), who grew up in the community, played ball in the park as a youngster.

CHRISTOPHER MORLEY PARK Named after the popular author, who lived nearby in Roslyn, the 98-acre park in Roslyn-North Hills includes courts for tennis, handball/paddleball, paddle-tennis, shuffleboard, horseshoes and basketball, and a nine-hole, par 30 golf course. A new one-mile fitness trail is perfect for jogging, walking and exercising at 20 fitness stations. The outdoor 200 x 80 ft. ice skating rink has been a local fixture since 1966. The swimming pool complex encompasses an outdoor Olympic-size pool, diving tank and kiddie pool.

COW MEADOW PARK & PRESERVE This 150-acre park/preserve in Freeport on the South Shore shows off Long Island's marine wetlands and

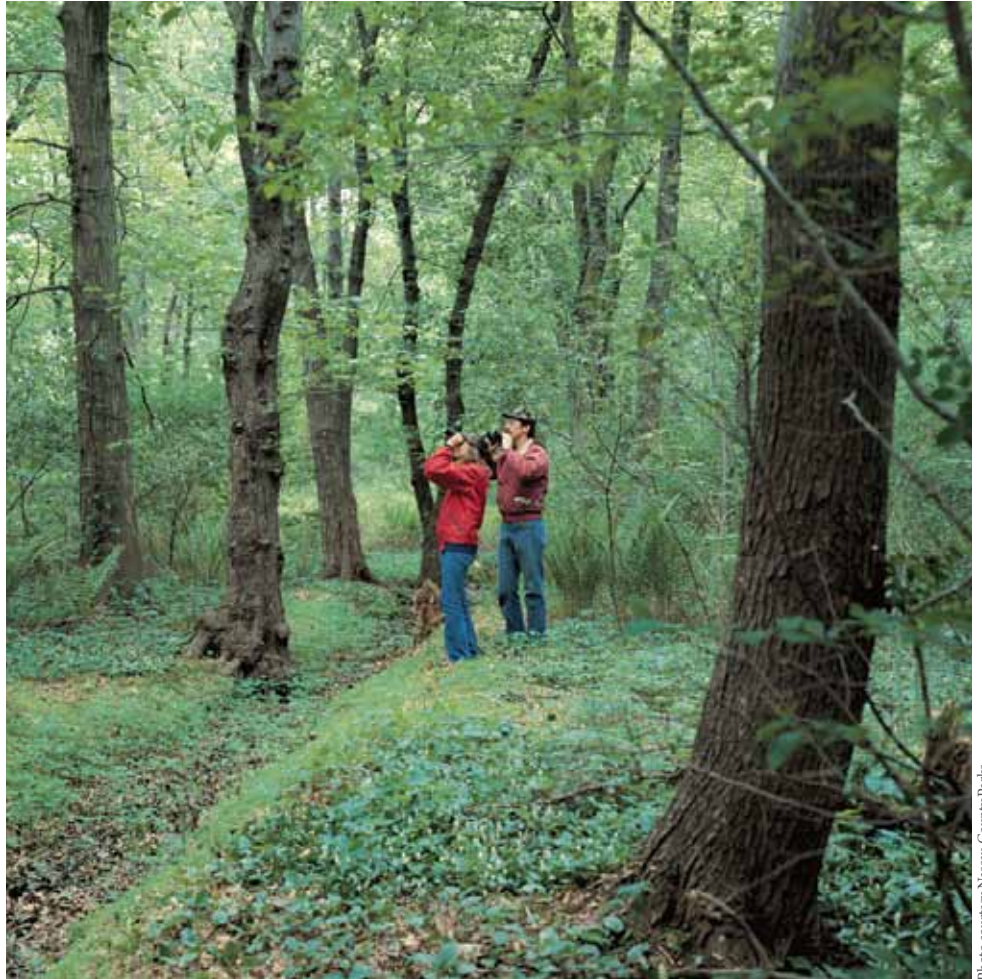


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BIRDWATCHING AT MUTTONTOWN PRESERVE.

includes salt marsh, mud flat and tidal creek habitats that are home to more than 150 varieties of birds.

In addition to playing sports under the lights, you can fish year-round from a pier or work out on the mile-long jogging course. The marina has about 30 boat slips.

GRANT PARK On 35 acres in Hewlett, you'll find courts for basketball, tennis, handball/paddleball, fields for baseball and softball, and paths for jogging, bicycling and strolling. The lake at Grant Park is open for fishing and you can walk its banks on a concrete path. Other features include an outdoor ice-skating rink, a spray-pool and a modern playground with three separate areas for different age groups.

HEMPSTEAD HARBOR BEACH PARK This 60-acre Port Washington beachfront park, managed by the Town of North Hempstead since 2007, will remain open to residents during a comprehensive renovation. It includes facilities for volleyball, badminton, softball, basketball, a boat launch

and saltwater fishing. There are picnic areas with barbecues as well as a playground.

INWOOD PARK Sixteen acres surrounded by water where you can play ball, jog on a waterfront path, fish or launch a boat. Children's attractions include a new playground and roller rink.

NICKERSON BEACH PARK A multi-million dollar renovation recently added a family "Fun Zone" with a skate park, basketball courts and playground with climbing apparatus and puzzles. Also new: nine beach volleyball courts, a dog run and a baseball field. It also features a gorgeous stretch of white sand along the Atlantic Ocean.

NORTH WOODMERE PARK Ten tennis courts, a state-of-the-art playground and a nine-hole, par 30 golf course with driving range, are among the outstanding amenities of this park established in 1965. Summer brings legions of families to the swimming complex's outdoor Olympic pool, diving pool and three children's pools. In winter, cross-

country skiing is available, weather permitting. You can fish at the park's shorefront.

REV. ARTHUR MACKEY SR. PARK A new playground complements existing tennis and basketball facilities and a ball field at this small park located in Roosevelt. The walkway around the lake allows for a relaxing stroll.

VALLEY STREAM STATE PARK Features children's play areas, ball fields and courts, cross-country ski trails, and The Squirrel Nut and Hickory Nut nature trails where children can explore park habitats.

WHITNEY POND PARK Managed by the Town of North Hempstead since 2007, it includes basketball and tennis courts, an outdoor swimming pool, a diving tank and jogging course.

Also located within Nassau County but not part of the County park system are:

HEMPSTEAD LAKE STATE PARK in Hempstead, a multi-use facility with tennis and basketball courts, playgrounds, three "catch-and-release" freshwater fishing ponds, bridle trails for horseback riding, biking and hiking trails.

BETHPAGE STATE PARK At 1,475 acres, it features the Bethpage Black Golf Course as well as four other magnificent courses, a golf pro shop and driving range, which are all open to the public. Visitors can also utilize playing fields, tennis courts, bridle paths, hiking and biking trails and cross-country skiing trails. The hills quickly fill up with families and their sleds on winter snow days.

THE NASSAU-SUFFOLK GREENBELT TRAIL Straddling the border between Nassau and Suffolk County, the trail is maintained by the Long Island Greenbelt Trail Conference, a non-profit, volunteer organization. This 20-mile National Recreation Trail extends from Cold Spring Harbor to Massapequa, covering diverse terrain including hills, fields and wetlands. You can see migrating birds in spring and fall, and wildflowers and other native plants.

JONES BEACH STATE PARK In addition to a dazzling 6.5-mile Atlantic Ocean beachfront, this world-class 2,413-acre recreational area in Wantagh features deck games, pitch and putt golf and beach volleyball. The wide two-mile-long Boardwalk is a popular place to walk for both pleasure and exercise in the invigorating salt air. The West End accommodates surf fishing and has a boat basin. Visitors can see environmental displays and take tours at The Theodore Roosevelt Nature Center, also within the park.



Photo by Robert Lipper

BIKER ENJOYS A BRIEF RESPITE AT EISENHOWER PARK.

WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE—NATURE PRESERVES

On days when you want to get away from it all, take time out to discover Nassau County's many and varied preserves. These restful expanses of greenery, filled with wildlife, wildflowers and nature paths, have been carved out of the landscape as an open space legacy to future generations of Long Islanders. They range from small parcels to huge tracts sprawling over several hundred acres. Admission is free.

BAXTER'S POND/ BARBARA JOHNSON PARK & PRESERVE

Port Washington. Five acres with a pond and benches, across from Manhasset Bay.

BROOKSIDE PRESERVE Freeport. Twenty-two acre preserve includes woods with red maple, white oak and cherry trees, trails and meandering Milburn Creek.

LEEDS POND PRESERVE Plandome Manor. Thirty-five acres on Manhasset Bay. Includes nature trails, wetlands, a pond and the Science Museum of Long Island.

MASSAPEQUA PRESERVE Massapequa. Freshwater marsh, stream, lake on 423 bucolic acres.

MEROKE PRESERVE Bellmore. Twenty-five acres. Marked hiking trails, Newbridge Creek.

MUTTONTOWN PRESERVE East Norwich. Fields, woodlands, ponds, nature trails and the historic Chelsea estate on 550 acres.

MILL POND PRESERVE Wantagh. Large pond, nature trails, 54 acres.

STILLWELL WOODS PRESERVE Syosset. A 270-acre getaway encompassing a portion of the Nassau-Suffolk Greenbelt Trail.

TACKAPAUSHA PRESERVE Seaford. Wildlife sanctuary, 84 acres.

TANGLEWOOD PARK & PRESERVE

Lakeview. Nature trail, pond surrounded by brick walkway, Center for Science Teaching and Learning, 11 acres.

TIFFANY CREEK PRESERVE Oyster Bay. Made up of three former estates. Features include oak hilltop and upland meadow on 197 acres.

WELWYN PRESERVE Glen Cove. Nature trails, ponds, swamps on 204 acres. Borders the Long Island Sound. Site of Holocaust Memorial & Tolerance Center.

WILLIAM CULLEN BRYANT PRESERVE Roslyn Harbor. Site of Nassau County Museum of Art, 141 acres.

CAMPsites AND RIFLE RANGE

You don't have to travel hundreds of miles to experience the joys of camping in the wilderness. The Nassau County Department of Parks, Recreation and Museums operates two campgrounds where you can pitch a tent – or park your recreational vehicle – for a sojourn in the great outdoors. **BATTLE ROW CAMPGROUND** in Old Bethpage comprises 44 wooded acres and 64 campsites; more than half are equipped with water and 30-amp/125-volt electric hookups. Or you can wake up by the beach at **THE NICKERSON BEACH CAMPGROUND** in Lido. The 121-acre park offers 74 sites for RVs and eight for tents near the beach.

Although hunting is prohibited in Nassau County, you can sharpen your shooting skills, albeit indoors. The **NASSAU COUNTY RIFLE AND PISTOL RANGE** at Mitchel Athletic Complex in Uniondale features six ranges and 30 individual shooting points. Hunting safety classes are also offered. No membership fee is required, but an admission fee is charged.

BEACHES

Surrounded by bodies of water on both its North and South Shores, and blessed with many scenic bays and harbors, Nassau County offers miles of beaches where families can spend days playing in the surf, swimming in the bays or just sunbathing on a beautiful stretch of white sand.

Long Island's public beaches offer a truly diverse range of activities. Swimming, surfing, jogging, playing basketball, volleyball or shuffleboard, fishing, boating or making sand castles are just a few of the ways you can pass the day on our sandy shores. Some beaches offer lifeguarded swimming and other seasonal amenities during the summer season, as well as marina facilities and piers for fishing year-round. One last note: South Shore Atlantic Ocean beaches are mostly white sand; North Shore beaches tend to be pebble beaches.

TWO WORLD-CLASS BEACHES

The largest and best-known public beaches in Nassau County are located on the South Shore, on two barrier islands connected to the mainland by parkways. The **CITY OF LONG BEACH** and its historic, two-and-one-half-mile Boardwalk share the westernmost barrier island with the beachfront communities of Atlantic Beach, Lido Beach and Point Lookout. There are a number of County and Town beaches on Long Beach's Atlantic oceanfront. On the other barrier island, **JONES BEACH**, you'll find Jones Beach State Park. Connected to the mainland by the historic Wantagh and Meadowbrook Parkways, the park features almost seven miles of white sand beach and a wide boardwalk, two miles in length. Families with small children often prefer the calmer waters of the beach on Zach's Bay, which is where the Nikon Amphitheater plays hosts to the best musical acts in the business. Created by the visionary Robert Moses, Jones Beach is the most popular and heavily visited beach on the East Coast.

For more about Jones Beach and Long Beach, please see the "10 Not-To-Miss Destinations" story. Here are Nassau County's other public beaches, which welcome residents and non-residents alike. Parking fees may apply at certain venues.

EUGENE NICKERSON BEACH PARK

Located in Lido Beach. A 121-acre County park



Photo by Robert Lipper

SUMMER FUN ON LONG BEACH.

with a half-mile beach on the Atlantic Ocean. There's something for everyone at the Fun Zone, which includes basketball courts, two pools, a playground, a skateboard facility, snack bars, campsites, beach volleyball, cabana areas, benches, barbecue facilities and a dog run.

BEACHES IN THE TOWN OF HEMPSTEAD

The Town operates four South Shore ocean beaches on the Long Beach barrier island. They are located at Point Lookout, Lido, Lido West and Sands. The beach park at Lido is a major recreational complex with a ball field, athletic courts, outdoor pools and a picnic area.

BEACHES IN THE TOWN OF NORTH HEMPSTEAD

Generations have grown up playing on beaches in the Town of North Hempstead. Overlooking Hempstead Harbor, North Hempstead Beach Park on West Shore Road in Port Washington provides 60 acres of sandy beach and recreational activities. The beach includes a promenade to walk along the waterfront. A fishing pier, boat ramp, bathhouse and concession area are also available. The park provides basketball

and shuffleboard courts, horseshoe pits, picnic areas with barbecues and shelter pavilions, as well as a playground. Each summer, North Hempstead Beach Park hosts a Sunday Afternoon Summer Concert Series. Nearby Manorhaven Beach Park on the Port Washington peninsula's western side has an outdoor Olympic size pool with a spacious sundeck and boat launch. There is access to a beach overlooking picturesque Manhasset Bay, where sailboats pass gracefully into Long Island Sound.

BEACHES IN THE TOWN OF OYSTER BAY

Centre Island Beaches in Bayville offer bathing in Oyster Bay Harbor and the Long Island Sound. Charles E. Ransom Beach, also in Bayville, runs for a mile on Long Island Sound offering a spectacular view across the water, which is only seven miles wide at this point. Ransom also has a reputation for being one of the best bird-watching beaches on the Sound. Harry Tappen Beach in Glenwood Landing offers a picnic area, marina and swimming pool as well as bathing in Hempstead Harbor.

And, also, don't forget the sunscreen!

PROFESSIONAL SPORTS

We are passionate about our sports and our sports teams - watching them, rooting for them, agonizing over them and arguing about them. And we are justifiably proud of our facilities – including one of

the most beautiful thoroughbred racetracks in the nation, one of the country’s top golf courses and an aquatic center where the top swimmers and divers in the world come to compete.

Our New York Islanders of the National Hockey League have their name on four Stanley Cup Trophies. Beautiful and historic Belmont Park tests a horse’s heart and a jockey’s will. Our top-ranked golf course, the Black Course at Bethpage State Park, was the stage for a thrilling Tiger Woods victory at the U.S. Open in 2002 and the U.S. Open once again in 2009. We practically invented lacrosse (or so we say). And we take our soccer very, very seriously.

Here’s where they play:

THE NASSAU VETERANS MEMORIAL COLISEUM Located at Exit M4 on the Meadowbrook State Parkway, the Coliseum’s 18,000-seat-plus arena hosts many outstanding professional sporting events throughout the year. The building has an indoor height of 97 feet, and an ice floor sitting 20 feet below ground. There are no interior columns and no obstructed sight lines. The Coliseum is home ice to the National Hockey League’s New York Islanders. The team aspires to a return to its glory years, 1980-1983, when it won four consecutive league championships. The Coliseum is also the scene of major concerts and sport-themed family shows, such as Disney On Ice, the Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey Circus, the Harlem Globetrotters, Smuckers Stars On Ice and the United States Hot Rod Association Monster Jam.

BELMONT PARK The 430-acre racetrack in Elmont, operated by New York Racing Association (NYRA), offers a beautiful, dazzling slice of Americana and American sporting tradition. With more than a century of thoroughbred racing, Belmont Park is one of the oldest race tracks in the nation, and the track where Citation, Seattle Slew, Secretariat and Affirmed won the third and final leg of thoroughbred racing’s top prize – the legendary Triple Crown.

In addition to its June classic, Belmont offers

thoroughbred racing on almost 100 days in May, June, July, September and October.

At Belmont, it’s more than a day at the races, with facilities for fine dining, a backyard picnic area with a scenic duck pond and children’s playground. Sunday afternoon is Family Fun Day with pony rides, a petting zoo and shows.

BETHPAGE STATE PARK BLACK COURSE

With its deceptively gentle rolling hills as a backdrop, Bethpage’s famously challenging Black Course – one of five world-class golf courses at the site – played host to the 2009 U.S. Open Championship of professional golf. In 2002, Bethpage State Park became the first municipally-owned facility in the nation selected by the USGA for the U.S. Open.

EISENHOWER PARK Operated by the Nassau County Department of Parks, Recreation and Museums, and located in East Meadow, the park features three 18-hole golf courses open to the public, the most famous being The Red Course. In recent years, The Red, designed by architect Devereux Emmet in 1914 and a host to PGA championships since 1926, has been the site of the annual PGA Seniors Tour golf event. The White and Blue courses were designed by another prominent 20th century golf course architect, Robert Trent Jones. Also notable is Eisenhower Park’s Nassau County Aquatic Center, which was built in 1998 for the Goodwill Games and has a rich history in hosting major national and international events in every aquatic discipline. It continues to be the scene of major swimming, diving and water polo competitions.

THE MITCHEL ATHLETIC COMPLEX The 48-acre complex, located in Uniondale near the Nassau Coliseum, features a 10,000-seat track and field stadium (nine lanes) with an oval containing a new synthetic field for football, soccer and lacrosse, and



Photo by Nancy Epstein

LONG ISLAND MARATHON TAKES PLACE IN MAY.

hosts a variety of amateur and professional athletic events. Nearby, **HOFSTRA UNIVERSITY’S JAMES M. SHUART STADIUM** in Hempstead is the site of the Long Island Lizards major league lacrosse home games, May through August.

THE LONG ISLAND MARATHON FESTIVAL OF RACES The 26-mile race through Nassau County draws competitors from all over the world on the first Sunday in May. For a more moderate challenge you can run a half-marathon, or you can join the thousands of spectators cheering from the sidelines.

OLD BETHPAGE VILLAGE RESTORATION Several times each summer, OBVR stages an Old-Time Baseball Tournament, where the game is played as it was played in the 1800s, before big gloves, big bats and big contracts.

BETHPAGE STATE PARK POLO FIELD Early in the last century, Nassau County was an international polo center. They still play some great polo here, with the horses and the players and the action harking back to the past.

GOLF

If the highlight of your week involves sending a golf ball soaring over a fairway, Nassau County can put you right on course for days of golfing pleasure.

Seven golf courses for players at all skill levels are operated by the Nassau County Department of Parks, Recreation and Museums. Three of these are the Red, White and Blue 18-hole courses located at Eisenhower Park in East Meadow. The famed Red Course, which was designed by prominent golf architect Devereux

Emmet in 1914, has hosted a number of PGA championships since 1926. Recent home to the PGA Champions Tour-Commerce Bank Championship, it measures 7,107 yards from the back tees, and was named as one of its “Four Stars – Best Places To Play 2008/2009” by *Golf Digest*. Eisenhower Park’s White and Blue courses were designed by prominent architect Robert Trent Jones. There is a driving range with 60 bays to hone your skills before venturing out.

The County also operates four executive-level nine-hole golf courses – at **CHRISTOPHER MORLEY PARK** in Roslyn-North Hills, **CANTIAGUE PARK** in Hicksville, **BAY PARK** in East Rockaway and **NORTH WOODMERE PARK** in North Woodmere. All of these nine-hole courses offer golfers a real challenge. For example, Bay Park has holes that range from 130 to an impressive 352 yards. Every aspect of your game will be tested at each of these par 30 courses.

Eisenhower, Cantiague and North Woodmere parks also have driving ranges. Cantiague has 18 covered stalls to keep the weather at bay!

Golf fans can follow in Tiger Woods’ footsteps at **BETHPAGE STATE PARK**, where the U.S. Golf Open was held in 2002, and once again in 2009. One of five world-class golf courses in the park, the facility also includes a golf pro shop and driving range, which are also open to the public. Approximately 300,000 rounds of golf are played annually on the five courses.

A number of other high-quality public golfing facilities also operate here. They include the **GLEN COVE GOLF COURSE** in Glen Cove, **LIDO GOLF COURSE** in Lido Beach, **PENINSULA GOLF COURSE** in



Photo by Carl Norr

THE RED COURSE AT EISENHOWER PARK, NAMED BY GOLF DIGEST AS ONE OF ITS “FOUR STARS – BEST PLACES TO PLAY.”

Massapequa, **MERRICK ROAD PARK GOLF COURSE** in Merrick, **HARBOR LINKS** in Port Washington and **THE TOWN OF OYSTER**

BAY GOLF COURSE in Woodbury. Surely one of these fine courses will fit you to a tee. See page 21 for more golf course information.

SHOPPING

A bounty of treasures and discounts awaits the hardy explorer in Nassau County, where the choices include small boutiques and antique

shops, busy shopping centers and malls lined with major national retailers, department stores and designer outlets.

Each Nassau County community boasts at least one shopping center where you can buy anything from shoes to groceries to hardware. In addition, many state routes and local streets offer colorfully lit concentrations of stores, services and eateries. Shoppers also flock to our indoor malls, which are among the nation's finest. Dozens, and in some cases hundreds, of individual stores, service providers and restaurants are found inside our malls, which include the Americana Manhasset, Roosevelt Field in East Garden City, The Mall at the Source in Westbury, Broadway Mall in Hicksville, Green Acres in Valley Stream and Westfield Sunrise Mall in Massapequa.

The crème de la crème of upscale and designer shopping is found at the **AMERICANA MANHASSET** on Northern Boulevard. Since the Americana Manhasset opened in 1956 as a neighborhood strip shopping center, it has developed into a premiere luxury-shopping destination featuring over 60 international boutiques.

BROADWAY MALL was built in 1956 on the site of a former boys' orphanage and a dairy and vegetable farm. Formerly known as Mid-Island Plaza, it is located at the intersection of Route 106/107, Hicksville, near both the Long Island Expressway and the Northern State Parkway. It has 130 stores including a movie complex and a food court.

GREEN ACRES MALL (over 200 shops and services) is located on Sunrise Highway in Valley Stream, one block south of the Long Island Rail Road station. It debuted in 1956 as one of Long Island's first open-air centers and was enclosed in 1968. Among its attractions is a first-run cinema.

ROOSEVELT FIELD (over 270 stores), located at Old Country Road and Meadowbrook Parkway, has undergone several expansions since it opened in 1955 on the former site of a famous airfield.



Photo by Robert Lipper

VILLAGE OF GREAT NECK.

Its modern-day attractions include a movie complex and a second-floor food court as well as a slew of stores and restaurants. In the adjacent community of Westbury you'll find the **MALL AT THE SOURCE**, with a wide range of stores and restaurants on the site where Charles A. Lindbergh began his landmark flight across the Atlantic in 1927. **WESTFIELD SUNRISE MALL** in Massapequa, another of Long Island's veteran malls, boasts 160 stores including a cinema complex and food court.

Bargain shoppers will find an extraordinarily wide variety of goods at the **TRI-COUNTY UNIQUE BAZAAR** on Hempstead Turnpike in Levittown, a few blocks east of the Wantagh State Parkway. The two-level indoor facility, open Wednesday-Monday, is home to a large jewelry exchange.

Most malls are conveniently located near major transportation hubs such as parkways, the Long Island Expressway, Long Island Railroad Stations and bus stops.

HISTORIC VILLAGES & DOWNTOWNS

Traditional downtowns ranging from historic village thoroughfares to trendy boulevards are part of Nassau County's enduring charm. Among North Shore-Gold Coast communities, many enjoy shopping in **MANHASSET** on historic Plandome Road. Along the water, neighboring **PORT WASHINGTON** is dotted with restaurants and antique shops. The **VILLAGE OF GREAT NECK** offers downtown sizzle at its trendy shops, while **ROSLYN** is a wonderful place to take a date with many more shops, restaurants and the romantic Clocktower and Duck Pond in Gerry Park.

Also on the Gold Coast, **LOCUST VALLEY** is known for its fine antique shops, while **BAYVILLE** features a number of popular seafood restaurants. The **HAMLET OF OYSTER BAY** contains fine dining restaurants, pubs and small stores and hosts an annual oyster festival. The **CITY OF GLEN COVE** boasts a bustling downtown filled with shops and restaurants. **SEA CLIFF** offers a lovely view of sailboat-dotted Hempstead Harbor. The **VILLAGE OF WESTBURY** draws food lovers to its varied ethnic restaurants, ranging from Mediterranean to Mexican.

In Central Nassau, **GARDEN CITY**'s Franklin Avenue is lined with department stores, specialty retailers and fine restaurants, among them some wildly popular nightlife spots. The **VILLAGE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE** is also noted for its restaurants and bars, which serve excellent food, imported beers and fancy cocktails. Many of downtown **HEMPSTEAD**'s ethnic restaurants specialize in Mexican or Central American foods.

On the South Shore, in the **CITY OF LONG BEACH**, Park Avenue offers many restaurants and clubs. And although it isn't technically a downtown area, **FREEPORT'S NAUTICAL MILE**, located on Woodcleft Avenue along the Canal, is one of Nassau County's most popular places to dine on seafood or to shop.

ENTERTAINMENT

In Nassau County the curtain rises on live entertainment every night of the week. Name your favorite form of entertainment, and you can find it here – from chamber music and Philharmonic

concerts to circuses, Broadway musicals, stand-up comedy, rock concerts and children's theater. Concert halls, theaters, arenas and even parklands feature a variety of live performances.

Photo courtesy Nassau County Parks



EISENHOWER PARK'S LAKESIDE THEATRE IN EAST MEADOW.

Looking for shows featuring the greatest stars performing today? Our venues attract the hottest acts around, including newly minted stars as well as established, internationally famous recording artists. They perform to packed houses inside arenas, theaters and performance halls as well as on park lawns where the excitement is palpable. You might even see a rising star because Nassau County's stages act as springboards for talented performers on the cusp of fame.

Here are the major showcases for homegrown and visiting talent:

NYCB THEATRE AT WESTBURY

Audience favorites such as Patti LaBelle, Kenny Rogers, Brian Wilson, Gregg Allman and David Lee Roth have performed at this famed concert venue formerly known as the Westbury Music Fair. It is also noted for family shows and appearances by psychic medium John Edward. The 3,000-seat theatre-in-the-round features a revolving stage, which is used for many shows.

EISENHOWER PARK/HARRY CHAPIN LAKESIDE THEATRE Located in East Meadow. On summer nights the gently-sloping lawn next

to the lake fills up with spectators on blankets and folding chairs. They come to see family-oriented fare such as Broadway shows, classic movies and talent competitions. The International Music Nights Concert Series shines a spotlight on the many and varied ethnic groups represented in the American tapestry. Admission is free.

GREAT NECK ARTS CENTER This visual and performing arts venue features art exhibits, music, dance, drama, film and literature, plus their School for the Arts offers classes for adults and children. In addition to live performances by singers, dancers, actors, magicians and poets, events at the Arts Center include film festivals and art auctions.

JEANNE RIMSKY THEATER AT

LANDMARK ON MAIN STREET Located in Port Washington inside a former school building built in 1908, the 425-seat theater hosts a popular Children's Series and many world-renowned artists. The intimate setting features a state-of-the-art sound system and a Steinway Concert Grand D piano.

NASSAU VETERANS MEMORIAL

COLISEUM The 18,000-plus-capacity arena in Uniondale - home of the NY Islanders NHL hockey team - also hosts performances by major recording artists such as Billy Joel, Madonna, Janet Jackson, Justin Timberlake and Miley Cyrus. The Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey

CELEBRITY SIGHTINGS

In his hit song, *It's Still Rock-n-Roll To Me*, **BILLY JOEL** asks "Are you gonna cruise the Miracle Mile?"

Joel, who grew up in Hicksville and is sighted frequently at Nassau County shops and restaurants, was referring to the famous retail strip along Northern Boulevard in Manhasset, now the site of the luxury-shopping destination Americana Manhasset. The center features over 60 international boutiques, including Gucci, Armani, Prada, Tiffany, Cartier and Michael Kors.

Another familiar (and lovely) face is Grammy-winning R&B singer **ASHANTI**, who grew up in Glen Cove and still lives there with her parents.

Here are other notables with roots in Nassau County:

Comedian and film star **EDDIE MURPHY** grew up in Roosevelt. So did hugely popular radio personality **HOWARD STERN**, rap music legend **CHUCK D** of Public Enemy and basketball

superstar **JULIUS "DR. J" ERVING**.

BEN COHEN and **JERRY GREENFIELD**, founders of Ben & Jerry's, grew up a few blocks from one another in Merrick.

JONATHAN DEMME, director of classics *The Silence of the Lambs* and *Philadelphia*, was raised in Baldwin, and so was **DEE SNIDER** of Twisted Sister.

ALEC BALDWIN, the 2008 Emmy-winner for Outstanding Lead Actor in a Comedy Series for *30 Rock*, and brothers **BILLY**, **STEPHEN** and **DANIEL**, were raised in Massapequa. **JERRY SEINFELD** was, too.

Best-selling novelist **NELSON DEMILLE**, whose books, *The Gold Coast* and *The Gate House* are set on Nassau's North Shore, lives in Garden City, as does soap opera's doyenne **SUSAN LUCCI**.

Film and recording star **JENNIFER LOPEZ** and singing-star husband **MARC ANTHONY** live in a Brookville estate on the modern-day Gold Coast, where they are raising their children.



Photo courtesy Long Island Philharmonic

LONG ISLAND PHILHARMONIC AT THE TILLES CENTER IN BROOKVILLE.

Circus, the Original Harlem Globetrotters, Monster Jam, Dancing with the Stars and Disney on Ice make yearly return engagements. Thousands of people attend the business and trade shows held inside the coliseum's 60,000-square-foot exhibition hall.

NIKON AT JONES BEACH THEATER This unique, 14,354-seat, open-air amphitheater, located on Zach's Bay in Jones Beach State Park in Wantagh, has played host to a variety of concerts with performances by Stevie Wonder, James Taylor and the Jonas Brothers, among others. It's a perennial hot ticket with its summer lineup of renowned bands and artists. It even has a stellar history, having been constructed under the supervision of Robert Moses in 1952 and now features a new Bay stage. For many decades Broadway-style musicals were presented there by Guy Lombardo, the popular Big Band leader who lived in nearby Freeport.

OLD WESTBURY GARDENS Classical music concerts are offered inside the Red Ballroom of Westbury House, and on the grounds during the

summer months. There is perhaps no better place to enjoy a concert than inside this Charles II-style mansion surrounded by 160 acres of formal gardens, landscaped grounds, woodlands, ponds and lakes.

PLANTING FIELDS ARBORETUM STATE HISTORIC PARK During the fall, winter and spring, "Concerts at Coe Hall" presents chamber concerts inside Planting Fields' beautiful Tudor-style manor house.

TILLES CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS Long Island's premier performance hall offers 100 performances each season. The 2,242-seat Concert Hall and 490-seat Hillwood Recital Hall are located on the Brookville campus of C.W. Post/Long Island University. The Long Island Philharmonic and the Eglevsky Ballet perform there, as do world-renowned artists in music, theater and dance. The schedule includes fully-staged operas, ballet and modern dance recitals, Broadway shows, chamber music, cabaret, solo recitals and theater productions for children and adults.

WHERE COMEDY IS KING

When you need a good laugh – or a sustained evening of great comedy – Nassau County's comedy clubs are just the ticket. In addition to the occasional comedy shows at the **NYCB THEATRE AT WESTBURY** and the **NASSAU VETERANS MEMORIAL COLISEUM**, the County boasts two major laugh factories. **GOVERNOR'S COMEDY CLUB** in Levittown is a 220-seat room offering a regular schedule of stand-up comedy engagements. Some of the top acts in the business have performed there including Robert Klein, Gilbert Gottfried and Kevin James. **THE BROKERAGE COMEDY CLUB & VAUDEVILLE CAFÉ** in Bellmore accommodates up to 200 guests at its nightly shows. Eddie Murphy and Ray Romano are among the many stars who have appeared at The Brokerage since it was founded in 1980.

NASSAU COUNTY'S MAJOR ANNUAL EVENTS



Photo courtesy New York Racing Association

BELMONT PARK RACETRACK IN ELMONT.

JANUARY

New York Islanders NHL hockey at Nassau Veterans Memorial Coliseum, Uniondale (thru April)

MARCH

Ringling Bros & Barnum & Bailey Circus, Nassau Veterans Memorial Coliseum, Uniondale
Irish Experience, Hofstra University, Hempstead
Shakespeare Festival, Hofstra University, Hempstead
Long Island Guitar Festival, C.W. Post campus, Brookville

APRIL

Arbor Day Festival, Planting Fields, Oyster Bay
Belmont Fair, Belmont Park

MAY

Thoroughbred racing, Belmont Park, Elmont (thru August)
Bethpage Federal Credit Union Air Show at Jones Beach State Park (Memorial Day weekend)
Dutch Festival, Hofstra University, Hempstead
Long Island Marathon, through Nassau County

JUNE

Gold Coast Film Festival, Great Neck, Manhasset, Roslyn & Port Washington
Harborfest, Port Washington

Belmont Stakes, Belmont Park, Elmont
Summer Concert Series at Harry Chapin Theater/Eisenhower Park, East Meadow (thru August)
Free summer concert series at Jones Beach State Park, Wantagh (thru July)
Sunday Polo at Bethpage State Park (thru October)
Nassau Coliseum Fair, Uniondale (thru July)
Nassau County Strawberry Festival, Bellmore
Belmont Festival Parade and Street Fair (Eve of Belmont Stakes), Garden City

JULY

TD Bank Fireworks at Eisenhower Park, East Meadow
Outdoor Movie Nights at Eisenhower Park
Drive-in movies at Old Bethpage Village Restoration (thru August)
Old Fashioned Independence Day Celebration, Old Bethpage Village Restoration
Independence Day Celebration at Sagamore Hill National Historic Site, Oyster Bay
Free summer concerts in Long Beach (thru August)
Eisenhower Park Wednesday Noontime concerts, East Meadow (thru August)
Picnic Pops Concerts, Old Westbury Gardens (thru August)
Arts & Crafts Festival, Long Beach

AUGUST

Outdoor Movie Nights at Eisenhower Park, East Meadow
Scottish Games, Old Westbury Gardens
Long Island Mozart Festival, Old Westbury Gardens

SEPTEMBER

“Cruise to the Show” Parade and Car Show, Mineola, Garden City & East Meadow
Antiques & Auto Street Fair, Great Neck Plaza
Thoroughbred racing, Belmont Park, Elmont (thru October)
Medieval Fair & Festival, Sands Point Preserve
Annual Family Festival by the Sea, Lido Beach Town Park
Long Island Film Festival, Bellmore

Bellmore Family Street Festival
Garden City Fall Street Fair
Hofstra University's Annual Italian-American Festival, Hempstead
West Hempstead Street Fair
American Dahlia Society Annual Show, Planting Fields, Oyster Bay
Sea Cliff Antiques Show

OCTOBER

Long Island Fair, Old Bethpage Village Restoration
Fall Harvest Festival, Mill Neck Manor School for Deaf Children
Annual Craft as Art Festival, Nassau County Museum of Art, Roslyn Harbor
Historical Society of The Massapequas Apple Festival
Fall Fair, Cold Spring Harbor Fish Hatchery & Aquarium
Annual Oyster Festival, Oyster Bay
Valley Stream Fall Festival
Fall Family Freshwater Fishing Festival, Hempstead Lake State Park
1880 Long Island Halloween, Old Bethpage Village Restoration
Manhasset Arts & Crafts Fall Fair
Dog Festival, Old Westbury Gardens
Rock Hall Museum Country Fair, Lawrence
New York Islanders NHL hockey at Nassau Veterans Memorial Coliseum (thru April)

NOVEMBER

Thanksgiving Celebration, Old Bethpage Village Restoration
Veterans Day Ceremonies, Eisenhower Park, East Meadow
Native American Thanksgiving Feast, Garvies Point Museum & Preserve, Glen Cove
LI Festival of Trees, Long Island Cradle of Aviation Museum, Garden City

DECEMBER

RXR Plaza Holiday Tree Lighting, Uniondale
Nutcracker performances, Tilles Center, Brookville
Holidays at Planting Fields, Oyster Bay
Candlelight Evenings, Old Bethpage Village Restoration

QUICK GUIDE



BEACHES

City of Long Beach/Long Beach Boardwalk, 516-431-1000
Jones Beach State Park, 1 Ocean Parkway, Wantagh, 516-785-1600
Nickerson Beach Park, Lido Boulevard, Lido, 516-571-7700
Town of Hempstead Department of Parks & Recreation, 516-292-9000
Town of North Hempstead 311 (in Town of North Hempstead) or 516-869-6311
Town of Oyster Bay Parks Department, 516-797-4128

ENTERTAINMENT

Eisenhower Park/Harry Chapin Lakeside Theatre, Merrick & Stewart Avenues, East Meadow, 516-572-0348
Great Neck Arts Center, 113 Middle Neck Rd., Great Neck, 516-829-2570
Jeanne Rimsky Theater at Landmark on Main Street, 232 Main Street, Port Washington, 516-767-6444
Nassau Veterans Memorial Coliseum, 1255 Hempstead Turnpike, Uniondale, 516-794-9300
Nikon at Jones Beach Theater, Jones Beach, Wantagh, 516-221-1000
Old Westbury Gardens, 71 Old Westbury Road, Old Westbury, 516-333-0048
Planting Fields Arboretum State Historic Park, Planting Fields Road, Oyster Bay, 516-922-9200
NYCB Theatre at Westbury, 960 Brush Hollow Road, 516-334-0800
Tilles Center for the Performing Arts, C.W. Post Campus of Long Island University, Brookville, 516-299-3100

Comedy Clubs

Brokerage Comedy Club & Vaudeville Café, 2797 Merrick Road, Bellmore, 516-781-LAFF/5233
Governor's Comedy Club, 90 Division Avenue, Levittown, 516-713-3358

Regional Theater

Arena Players Repertory Theatre, 296 Route 109, East Farmingdale, 516-293-0674
Cultural Arts Playhouse, 625 Old Country Road, Plainview, 516-694-3330
BroadHollow Theatre at Elmont, 700 Hempstead Turnpike, Elmont, 516-775-4420

GOLD COAST MANSIONS

C.W. Post Campus of Long Island University, Route 25A, Brookville, 516-299-2000
Cedarmere, 225 Bryant Avenue (just north of Northern Boulevard), Roslyn Harbor, 516-571-8130
Chelsea Mansion, Northern Boulevard, East Norwich, 516-571-8550
The de Seversky Conference Center, Northern Boulevard, Old Westbury, 516-686-1394
Hofstra University, Hempstead

Turnpike, Hempstead, 516-463-6600
Nassau County Museum of Art, Northern Boulevard, Roslyn Harbor, 516-484-9337
Old Westbury Gardens, 71 Old Westbury Road, Old Westbury, 516-333-0048
Planting Fields Arboretum State Historic Park, Planting Fields Road, Oyster Bay, 516-922-9200
Sagamore Hill National Historic Site, Cove Neck Road, Oyster Bay, 516-922-4447
Sands Point Park and Preserve, 95 Middle Neck Road, Port Washington, 516-571-7900
The United States Merchant Marine Academy, Steamboat Road, Kings Point, 516-773-5000

MUSEUMS AND HISTORIC SITES

African-American Museum of Nassau County, 110 N. Franklin Street, Hempstead 516-572-0730
American Merchant Marine Museum of the United States Merchant Marine Academy, 300 Steamboat Road, Kings Point, 516-773-5000
Cedarmere, Bryant Avenue, Roslyn, 516-571-8130
Christopher Morley Knothole, 500 Searingtown Road, Roslyn, 516-571-8113
Cold Spring Harbor Fish Hatchery and Aquarium, Route 25A and Route 108, Cold Spring Harbor, on the Nassau/Suffolk County border, 516-692-6768
Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, One Bungtown Road, Cold Spring Harbor, 516-367-8800
The Cradle of Aviation Museum, 1 Davis Avenue, (across from Mitchell Athletic Complex), Garden City, 516-572-4111
Garvies Point Museum and Preserve, Barry Drive, Glen Cove, 516-571-8010
The Hicksville Gregory Museum, Heitz Place and May Avenue, Hicksville, 516-822-7505
Holocaust Memorial & Tolerance Center of Nassau County, 100 Crescent Beach Road, Glen Cove, 516-571-8040
Long Island Children's Museum, 11 Davis Ave., Garden City (across from Mitchell Athletic Complex), 516-224-5800
Long Island Studies Institute, 619 Fulton Avenue, Hempstead, Nassau County Firefighters Museum & Education Center, Davis Avenue, Garden City (Museum Row), 516-572-4177
Nassau County Museum of Art, One Museum Drive, Roslyn Harbor, 516-484-9337
Nassau County Police George F. Maher Museum, Police Headquarters, Franklin Avenue, Mineola, 516-573-7620

Old Bethpage Village Restoration, Round Swamp Road, Old Bethpage, 516-572-8400
Old Westbury Gardens, 71 Old Westbury Road, Old Westbury, 516-333-0048
Oyster Bay Railroad Museum, 102 Audrey Avenue, Oyster Bay, 516-558-7036
Pagan-Fletcher Restoration, 143 Hendrickson Avenue, Valley Stream, 516-872-4159
Raynham Hall Museum, 20 W. Main Street, Oyster Bay, 516-922-6808
Rock Hall Museum, 199 Broadway, Lawrence, 516-239-1157
Roslyn Grist Mill, 1384 Old Northern Boulevard, Roslyn
Saddle Rock Grist Mill, Grist Mill Lane, Saddle Rock 516-571-7900
Sagamore Hill National Historic Site, Cove Neck Road, Oyster Bay, 516-922-4447
Sands Point Preserve, 95 Middle Neck Road, Port Washington, 516-571-7900
Sands Willets House, 95 Middle Neck Road, Port Washington, 516-365-9074
Science Museum of Long Island, 1526 North Plandome Road, Manhasset, 516-627-9400
Tackapausha Museum/Preserve, Washington Avenue between Merrick Road and Sunrise Highway, Seaford, 516-571-7443
Veterans Memorial Plaza & 911 Memorial, Eisenhower Park, Hempstead Turnpike, East Meadow, 516-572-0218
Wantagh Railroad Museum, 1700 Wantagh Avenue, Wantagh, 516-826-8767

OUTDOOR ADVENTURE/PARKS

Bay Park, First Avenue, East Rockaway, 516-571-7245
Bailey Arboretum, Lattington, Bayville Road and Feeks Lane, 516-571-8020
Cedar Creek Park, Merrick Road east of Wantagh Avenue, Seaford, 516-571-7470
Bethpage State Park, Farmingdale, 516-249-0701
Cantiague Park, West John Street east of Cantiague Rock Road, 516-571-7056
Centennial Park, Centennial Avenue and Babylon Turnpike, Roosevelt, 516-571-8695
Christopher Morley Park, Searingtown Road, Roslyn-North Hills, 516-571-8113
Cow Meadow Park & Preserve, South Main Street near Ann Drive South, Freeport, 516-571-8685
Eisenhower Park, Hempstead Turnpike at Merrick Avenue, East Meadow, 516-572-0218
Grant Park, Hewlett, Broadway & Sheridan Ave. Hewlett, 516-571-7821
Hempstead Harbor Beach Park,

West Shore Road, Port Washington, 516-571-7930
Hempstead Lake State Park, West Hempstead, 516-766-1029
Inwood Park, end of Bayview Avenue, Inwood, 516-571-7894
Jones Beach State Park/Theodore Roosevelt Nature Center, Ocean Parkway, Wantagh, 516-785-1600
The Nassau-Suffolk Trail/Long Island Greenbelt Trail Conference, 631-360-0753
North Woodmere Park, Branch Boulevard and Hungry Harbor Road, 516-571-7801
Rev. Arthur Mackey Sr. Park, Roosevelt, Lakeside Drive and Washington Road, Roosevelt, 516-571-8692
Valley Stream State Park, Southern State Parkway, Valley Stream, 516-825-4128
Wantagh Park, Kings Road and Canal Place, Wantagh, 516-571-7460
Whitney Pond Park, Northern Boulevard and Community Drive, Manhasset, 516-571-8300

OUTDOOR ADVENTURE/NATURE PRESERVES

Baxter's Pond/Barbara Johnson Park & Preserve, Shore Road and Central Drive, Port Washington
Brookside Preserve, Brookside Avenue south of Sunrise Highway, Freeport
Leeds Pond Preserve, 1526 North Plandome Road, Plandome Manor, 516-627-9400
Massapequa Preserve, Merrick Road and Ocean Avenue, Massapequa, 516-571-7443
Meroke Preserve, Orange and Farmer Streets, Bellmore
Muttontown Preserve, Muttontown Road east of Jericho-Oyster Bay Road, East Norwich, 516-571-8500
Mill Pond Preserve, Merrick Road east of Bellmore Avenue, Wantagh
Stillwell Woods Preserve, South Woods Road, Syosset
Tanglewood Park & Preserve, Tanglewood Road between Ocean Avenue and Lakeview Road, Lakeview
Tiffany Creek Preserve, Sandy Hill Road south of Meadowlark Lane, Oyster Bay
Welwyn Preserve, Crescent Beach and New Woods Roads, Glen Cove
William Cullen Bryant Preserve, 1 Museum Drive, Roslyn Harbor

OUTDOOR ADVENTURE/CAMPING, ETC.

Battle Row Campground, Claremont Road, Old Bethpage, 516-572-8690
Nickerson Beach Campground, Lido, Lido Boulevard, Lido, 516-571-7724
The Nassau County Rifle and Pistol Range at Mitchel Athletic Complex, Charles Lindbergh Boulevard, Uniondale, 516-572-0420

PROFESSIONAL SPORTS VENUES

Belmont Park Racetrack, 2150 Hempstead Turnpike, Elmont, 516-488-6000
Bethpage State Park/Black Course, 99 Quaker Meeting House Road, Farmingdale 516-249-0700.
Eisenhower Park/Nassau County Aquatic Center, Merrick Avenue south of Stewart Avenue, East Meadow, 516-572-0501
Mitchel Athletic Complex, Charles Lindbergh Boulevard, Uniondale, 516-572-0400
Long Island Marathon Festival of Races, Eisenhower Park, East Meadow, 516-572-0248
Nassau Veterans Memorial Coliseum, 1255 Hempstead Turnpike, Uniondale, 516-794-9300

PUBLIC GOLF COURSES

Bay Park GC, First Avenue, East Rockaway, 516-571-7242
Bethpage State Park GC, Quaker Meeting House Road, Farmingdale, 516-249-0700
Cantiague Park GC, West John Street, Hicksville, 516-571-7061
Christopher Morley GC, Searingtown Road, North Hills, 516-571-8120
Eisenhower Park GC, Hempstead Turnpike, East Meadow, 516-572-0327
Glen Cove GC, Lattington Road, Glen Cove, 516-671-0033
Harbor Links GC, 1 Fairway Drive, Port Washington, 516-767-4816
Lawrence Village GC, 101 Causeway, Lawrence, 516-239-1685
Lido GC, 255 Lido Boulevard Lido Beach, 516-889-8181
Merrick Road Park GC, Clubhouse Road, Merrick, 516-868-4650
North Woodmere GC, Branch Boulevard, North Woodmere, 516-571-7814
Peninsula GC, 50 Nassau Road Massapequa, 516-798-9776
Town of Oyster Bay GC, 1 South Woods Road, Woodbury, 516-677-5960

SHOPPING CENTERS/MALLS

The Americana Manhasset, 2060 Northern Boulevard, Manhasset, 516-627-2277
Broadway Mall, 202 Broadway, Hicksville, 516-939-0679
Green Acres, Sunrise Highway, Valley Stream, 516-561-7360
The Mall at the Source, 1504 Old Country Road, Westbury, 516-228-0303
Roosevelt Field, 630 Old Country Road, Garden City, 516-742-8000
Tri-County Unique Bazaar, 3041 Hempstead Turnpike, Levittown, 516-579-4500
Westfield Sunrise Mall, Sunrise Highway, Massapequa, 516-795-3550

ACCOMMODATIONS IN NASSAU COUNTY

THE ALLEGRIA HOTEL

80 West Broadway
Long Beach, NY 11561
516-889-1300
143 Rooms

THE ANDREW HOTEL

75 North Station Plaza
Great Neck, NY 11021
516-482-2900
62 Rooms

BEST WESTERN BAR HARBOUR

5080 Sunrise Hwy.
Massapequa Park, NY 11762
516-541-2000
72 Rooms

BEST WESTERN MILL RIVER MANOR

173 Sunrise Hwy.
Rockville Centre, NY 11570
516-678-1300
100 rooms

BEST WESTERN WOODBURY INN

7940 Jericho Tpke.
Woodbury, NY 11797
516-921-6900
98 Rooms

BETHPAGE MOTEL

4107 Hempstead Tpke.
Bethpage, NY 11714
516-731-7000
59 Rooms

CAPRI MOTOR INN

434 Hempstead Tpke.
West Hempstead, NY 11552
516-485-7300
84 Rooms

CAPRI LYNBROOK MOTOR INN

5 Freer St.
Lynbrook, NY 11563
516-599-8800
56 Rooms

COLISEUM MOTOR INN

1650 Hempstead Tpke.
East Meadow, NY 11554
516-794-2100
112 Rooms

DAYS INN- HICKSVILLE

828 South Oyster Bay Rd.
Hicksville, NY 11801
516-433-1900
70 Rooms

DIPLOMAT MOTOR INN

1000 Sunrise Hwy
Rockville Centre, NY 11570
516-678-1001
99 Rooms

EAST NORWICH INN

63-21 Northern Blvd.
East Norwich NY 11732
516-922-1500
72 Rooms

ECONO LODGE- HICKSVILLE

429 Duffy Ave.
Hicksville, NY 11801
516-433-3900
82 Rooms

EDGEWOOD MOTEL

38 Jericho Tpke.
Jericho, NY 11753
516-333-4440
72 Rooms

EXECUTIVE INN AT WOODBURY

8030 Jericho Tpke.
Woodbury, NY 11797
516-921-8500
108 Rooms

EXTENDED STAY AMERICA

905 South Oyster Bay Rd.
Bethpage, NY 11714
516-349-8759
104 Rooms

FARIFIELD INN BY MARRIOTT

24 Oak Dr. at Jericho Tpke.
Syosset, NY 11791
516-921-1111
82 Rooms

FIVE TOWNS INN

655 Rockaway Tpke.
Lawrence, NY 11559
516-371-2600
110 Rooms

FLORAL PARK MOTOR LODGE

30 Jericho Tpke.
Floral Pk, NY 11001
516-775-7777
107 Rooms

FOUR POINTS

SHERATON

333 South Service Rd.
Plainview, NY 11803
516-694-6500
103 Rooms

FREEPORT INN & BOATEL

445 South Main St.
Freeport, NY 11520
516-623-9100
60 Rooms

GARDEN CITY HOTEL

45 7th St.
Garden City, NY 11530
516-747-3000
280 Rooms

GATEWAY INN

1780 Sunrise Hwy.
Merrick, NY 11566
516-378-7100
60 Rooms

GLEN COVE MANSION HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTER

200 Dosoris Ln.
Glen Cove, NY 11542
516-671-6400
187 Rooms

GOLD COAST INN

1053 Northern Blvd.
Roslyn, NY 11576
516-627-2460
58 Rooms

HAMPTON INN GARDEN CITY

1 North Ave.
Garden City, NY 11530
516-227-2720
143 Rooms

HAMPTON INN JERICO - WESTBURY

120 Jericho Tpke.
Jericho, NY 11753
516-997-2000
80 Rooms

HAMPTON INN & SUITES ROCKVILLE CENTRE

125 Merrick Rd.
Rockville Centre, NY
11570
516-599-1700
83 Rooms

HILTON GARDEN INN

1575 Privado Rd.
Westbury, NY 11590
516-683-8200
140 Rooms

HILTON GARDEN INN

1575 Round Swamp Rd.
Plainview, NY 11803
516-755-5552
178 Rooms

HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS

1 Sunrise Hwy.
Lynbrook, NY 11563
516-593-1600
107 Rooms

HOLIDAY INN- PLAINVIEW

215 Sunnyside Blvd.
Plainview, NY 11803
516-349-7400
125 Rooms

HOLIDAY INN- WESTBURY

369 Old Country Rd.
Carle Place, NY 11514
516-997-5000
152 Rooms

HOMWOOD SUITES BY HILTON

1585 Round Swamp Rd.
Plainview, NY 11803
516-293-HOME
147 Rooms

HOSTWAY MOTOR INN

101 Jericho Tpke.
Jericho, NY 11753
516-334-8811
72 Rooms

HYATT PLACE - GARDEN CITY

5 North Ave.
Garden City, NY 11530
516-222-6277
122 Rooms

INN AT FOX HOLLOW

7755 Jericho Tpke.
Woodbury, NY 11797
516-224-8100
145 Rooms

INN AT GREAT NECK

30 Cutter Mill Rd.
Great Neck, NY 11021
516-773-2000
85 Rooms

JERICO MOTEL

32 West Jericho Tpke.
Jericho, NY 11753
516-997-2800
23 Rooms

LA QUINTA INN & SUITES

821 Stewart Ave.
Garden City, NY 11530
516-705-9000
128 Rooms

LONG BEACH MOTOR INN

3915 Austin Blvd.
Island Park, NY 11558
516-431-5900
67 Rooms

LONG ISLAND MARRIOTT HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTER

101 James Doolittle Blvd.
Uniondale, NY 11553
516-794-3800
618 Rooms

PINES MOTOR LODGE

101 Taylor Ave.
Westbury, NY 11590
516-832-8330
60 Rooms

PLANTATION MOTEL

4040 Long Beach Rd.
Island Park, NY 11558
516-889-9500
37 Rooms

RED ROOF INN

699 Dibblee Dr.
Westbury, NY 11590
516-794-2555
163 Rooms

RESIDENCE INN BY MARRIOTT

9 Gerhard Rd.
Plainview, NY 11803
516-433-6200
170 Rooms

ROCKVILLE CENTRE INN

415 Ocean Ave.
Rockville Centre, NY 11570
516-593-1600
68 Rooms

ROSLYN CLAREMONT

1221 Old Northern Blvd.
Roslyn, NY 11576
516-625-2700
76 Rooms

ROYAL INN

1177 Northern Blvd.
Manhasset, NY 11560
516-627-5300
78 Rooms

TIDES MOTOR INN

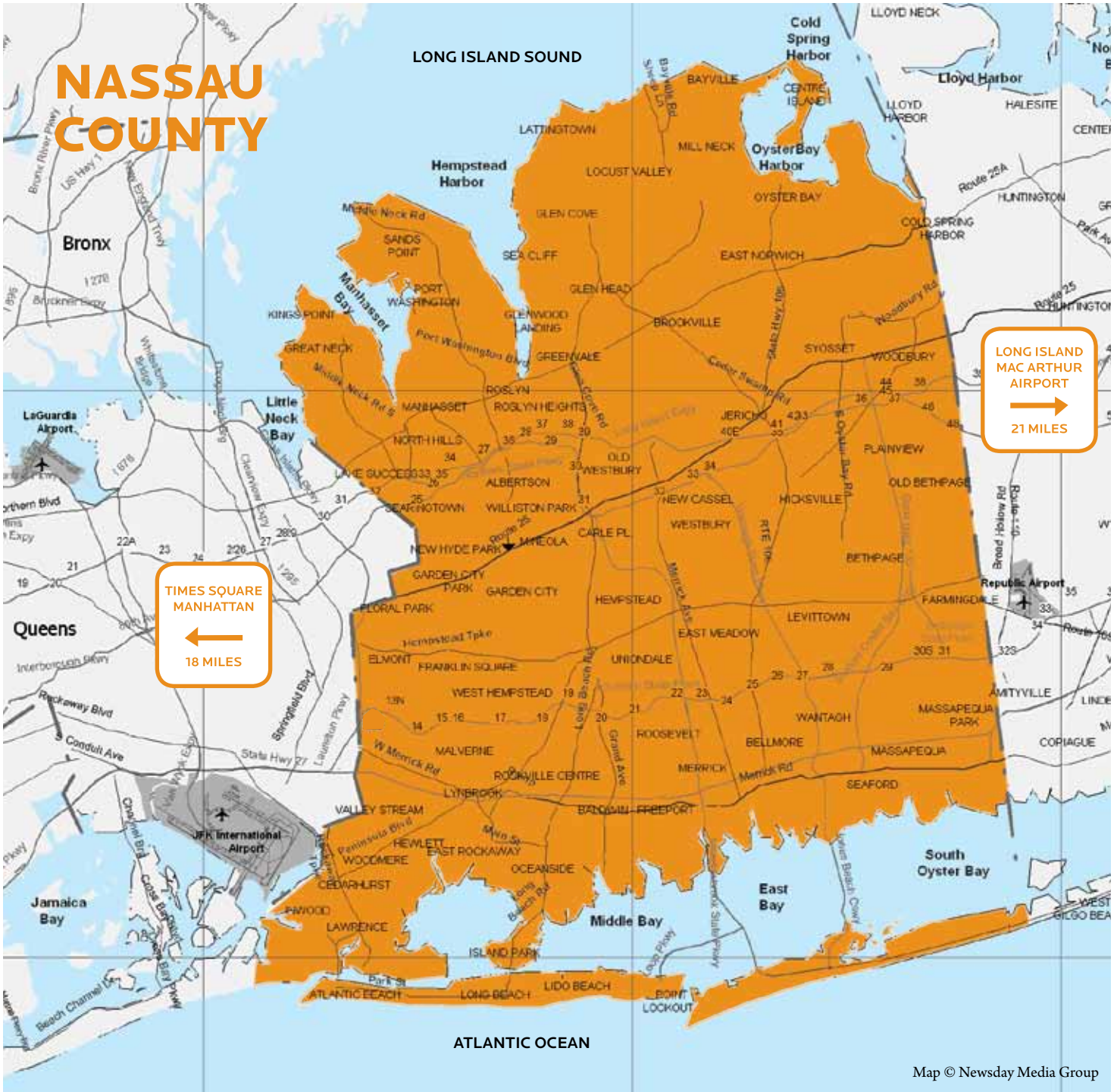
Bayville Rd.
Locust Valley, NY 11560
516-671-7070
64 Rooms

VIANA HOTEL AND SPA

3998 Brush Hollow Rd.
Westbury, NY 11590
516-338-7777
116 Rooms

YANKEE CLIPPER MOTOR LODGE

295 South Main Street
Freeport, NY 11520
516-379-2005
36 Rooms



HOW TO GET HERE

Nassau County’s wonders are easily accessible from three major airports: John F. Kennedy International Airport (JFK) on the Queens side of the Nassau-Queens border; LaGuardia Airport (LGA), also in Queens; and Long Island MacArthur Airport (ISP) in Ronkonkoma. All three are conveniently located near parkways and the Long Island Expressway. Both the Bridgeport & Port

Jefferson Ferry, connecting to Bridgeport, CT, across Long Island Sound and the Cross Sound Ferry, connecting Orient Point Long Island to New London, CT, offer daily round-trip service. The Long Island Rail Road leaves Penn Station in Midtown Manhattan, making stops at communities throughout Nassau County.



Nassau County IDA
1550 Franklin Ave., Suite 235
Mineola, NY 11501



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STATUE OF THEODORE ROOSEVELT OUTSIDE NASSAU COUNTY'S RECENTLY-RESTORED THEODORE ROOSEVELT EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE BUILDING.

TEDDY ROOSEVELT – HOMETOWN BOY

The 26th president of the United States, Theodore Roosevelt is truly a “favorite son” of Nassau County.

Born in New York City, he became enamored of the spectacular beauty of our surroundings as a young man during family vacations in **OYSTER BAY** in the 1870s. He relished his time in the pastoral setting while immersing himself in hiking, horseback riding, swimming and rowing amidst the unspoiled splendor of the area, so close to the city.

Roosevelt knew that this was the ideal place to raise his family.

He became a full-time resident here in 1887 upon completing construction of his **SAGAMORE HILL** home in **COVE NECK** near his beloved Oyster Bay. Built over several years, the house stands today as a National Historic Site and is open to the public.

When our “local boy” became the youngest President in American history in 1901, Sagamore Hill became the Summer White House. Roosevelt hosted luminaries from around the world, surrounded by the things he loved here in Nassau County.