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Showing Up for One Another



We are so honored by and proud of our community for showing up for events where we can all heal and connect. To the many people who attended our Candlelight Memorial and the women who joined us for a luncheon last fall, thank you. Your presence means a lot to us. In 2026, we look forward to holding additional gatherings to support and nurture our community. Please consider joining us for this upcoming event:

Women's Educational Luncheon

Speaker: Mother Lilo Carr Rivera from The Neighborhood House

Topic: The Bond Between Love and Grief

Cost: Free

March 4, 2026

Noon at Café Joelle

Registration required

Please sign up in advance so we can set the table for you. RSVP by February 27th at 631-589-2345 or info@raynordandrea.com.

5 Healthy Habits for Seniors to Adopt in the New Year



With the beginning of the new year, you may be considering ways to enhance your health and daily life. It is not too late to begin a healthy habit! If you are interested in bringing yourself joy, nourishing your body and mind, connecting with nature, adding movement to your day, and learning new things to keep your mind sharp, this article on our blog is for you! Choose one or choose all and be well!

[Learn more](#)

Simple Ways to Spread Kindness



“Kindness gives birth to kindness.” - Sophocles

Random Acts of Kindness week is the middle of February each year. This year, it is February 15-21. The idea of a week of kindness is that it can turn into everyday acts of kindness.

Kindness is free and provides more than something nice for someone else—it also helps you feel good and inspired.

Our blog post lists more than 20 ways to spread kindness in our community of West Sayville, Bayport, and beyond. Take a look and let us know the acts of kindness you shared—or received.

[Learn other ways to spread kindness.](#)

**Writing an Obituary with AI—Without
Losing Their Voice**



In the last couple of years, artificial intelligence or AI has been transforming how we do things in our daily lives. Writing an obituary with AI is one of the ways people can use AI tools when they are at a loss for their own words.

One of the keys to using AI is to train it and feed it not only the facts but some personality and voice so it doesn't lose authenticity. This blog talks about how you can shape the words and honor your loved one's story using AI tools. It includes an example obituary and guidance on how to use tools like ChatGPT, Gemini, or other AI platforms to create an obituary.

[More details are provided on our blog.](#)

[Learn more](#)



Recipe Corner

Do you have a family recipe that always shows up at gatherings or after a funeral?

Hit reply below and tell us the story behind it. We may share a few favorites in a future issue.



Baked Ziti

By allrecipes

Recipe Submitted by BUCHKO Updated on October 28, 2025

Ingredients

- 1 (16 ounce) package ziti pasta
- 24 ounces ricotta cheese
- 1 pound shredded mozzarella cheese
- 1 large egg, beaten
- 1 (32-ounce) jar spaghetti sauce
- ¼ cup grated Parmesan cheese

Directions

- Preheat the oven to 375 degrees F (190 degrees C). Lightly grease a 9x13-inch baking dish.
- Meanwhile, bring a large pot of lightly salted water to a boil. Add ziti pasta and cook for 8 to 10 minutes or until al dente; drain and rinse.
- Combine cooked ziti, ricotta cheese, mozzarella cheese, egg, and 1 ½ cups spaghetti sauce in a medium bowl.

- Transfer into the prepared baking dish. Top with remaining spaghetti sauce, then sprinkle with Parmesan cheese.
- Bake in the preheated oven for 30 minutes; let stand for 15 minutes before serving.

[See the complete recipe here](#)



Tell us about your favorite recipe:

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