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## leader editorials

## See you at the fair

**A**s we bid farewell to summer and welcome fall, we prepare to savor all the delights of the season — from strolling pumpkin patches to browsing arts and crafts, from enjoying a local band to simply enjoying the great outdoors.

The sights, sounds, smells and tastes of a fair add an exclamation point to summer, and this month and next, there are plenty of such celebrations nearby.

Now in its 30th year, the Bellmore Family Street Festival, hosted by the Bellmore Chamber of Commerce, is the largest event of its kind in Nassau County. More than 250 exhibits and attractions fill a 25-square block area, drawing more than 120,000 visitors each year. There are carnival rides, magic shows and a petting zoo as well as sports, military and business expos, live entertainment and a host of vendors.

Don't miss the Long Beach Chamber of Commerce Street Fair on the boardwalk, featuring vendors, food trucks and fun for the kids. There's also an Artisan Flea Market, presented by Beginnings, with jewelry, apparel and kids' amusements. And the Long Beach Jazz Festival, now in its 14th year, brings delightful tunes to the City by the Sea.

Not far away, there's the AOH Feis & Irish Festival at Nickerson Beach this Sunday. And for more waterfront fun, East Rockaway has moved its Stars & Stripes Festival from July to September for the second year in a row, offering rides, games, vendors, a DJ and live music in cooler temperatures.

On the Hofstra University campus, the annual Italian Experience celebrates the season with entertainment, crafts, kids' activities and tasty treats. September ends with the Long Island Fair, Old Bethpage Village Restoration's version of a 19th century county fair, a tradition dating back 174 years.

The following are some of the season's highlights.

### Atlantic Beach

• Artisan Flea Market, Sept. 17, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., hosted by Beginnings, 1986 Park St. Jewelry, apparel, fun for kids.

• Atlantic Beach Fall Festival, Oct. 23, noon-5 p.m., Village Hall Plaza. Pumpkin patch, hay rides, scavenger hunt, pony rides, petting zoo, sand art, surfing contest, local craft vendors, food.

### Bellmore

• Bellmore Family Street Festival, Sept. 17-18, all day, Carnival Sept. 15-16, 6-11 p.m., Sept. 17, 11 a.m.-11 p.m. and Sept. 18, 11 a.m.-9 p.m., at Bellmore LIRR station. Free admission. Crafts, car show, rides, games, petting zoo, live entertainment. For info, call (516) 809-5892 or visit [www.bellmorechamber.com](http://www.bellmorechamber.com).

### East Rockaway

• Stars & Stripes Festival, Sept. 16, 6-10 p.m., Sept. 17, 4-11 p.m., Sept. 18, noon-6 p.m., at the waterfront across from the East Rockaway post office. Rides, games, face painting, vendors, music, shuttle service. Fireworks on Saturday at dusk.

### Franklin Square

• Fall Street Fair, Oct. 2, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. (rain date Oct. 16), Franklin Avenue, from Hempstead Turnpike to Scherer Boulevard. Hosted by Franklin Square Kiwanis Club, with entertainment, craft mall featuring over 100 vendors, kids' rides, food court.

### Freeport

• Freeport Family Fall Festival & 28th Annual Fire Expo, Oct. 30, 12 p.m. - 6 p.m. in the municipal parking lot on Woodcleft Avenue. Free admission. Halloween parade for children with prizes for best costume; Trunk or Treat - candy distributed to kids; restau-

rant Chowder Contest; Farmer's Market. Fire Expo to include demonstrations and fire apparatus. Rides for kids, Oct. 29 & Oct. 30 12 p.m. - 6 p.m.

### Hofstra University

• Italian Experience Festival, Sept. 18, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., South Campus. Entertainment, activities for the kids, crafts, and food.

### Long Beach

• Long Beach Jazz Festival, Sept. 15-18, Long Beach Library and other venues. For full schedule, visit [www.longbeachjazzfest.com](http://www.longbeachjazzfest.com).

• Long Beach Chamber of Commerce Street Fair on the boardwalk, Sept. 24-25, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., at Long Beach Boulevard. Vendors, food trucks, carnival rides, petting zoo, pony rides.

### Malverne

• Civic Wine Event, Crossroads Farm, Sept. 30, 7-10 p.m. (rain date Oct. 1), 480 Hempstead Ave. One of Malverne's most popular events, with wine tasting, nibbles, live music. \$30.

• Crossroads Farm Oktoberfest, Oct. 22, 1-7 p.m. Craft beers, entertainment from local bands. \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door.

### Old Bethpage

• Long Island Fair, Old Bethpage Village Restoration, Sept. 24-25, Sept. 30-Oct. 2, 1303 Round Swamp Road. Entertainment, exhibits, farm animals, crafts and demonstrations, food.

### Valley Stream

• Community Fest, Sept. 24, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Rockaway Avenue. Entertainment, DJ, fun for kids, sports-related activities, vendors, food.

## roundabout freeport

### Village government:

**MONDAY, SEPT. 19:** Village Court in session, 7 p.m.

**TUESDAY, SEPT. 20:** Landmarks Preservation Commission, Freeport Memorial Library, 7:30 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 21:** Village court in session, 7 p.m.

**THURSDAY, SEPT. 22:** Zoning Board of Appeals, Village Hall, 6 p.m.

### Freeport Schools

**THURSDAY, SEPT. 15:** Back to School Night at Archer, Bayview, Giblyn and New Visions, 6:30 p.m.

**SATURDAY, SEPT. 17:** Fall Peace Walk, 7:30 a.m.; FHS Football game @Uniondale, 2 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 22:** Board of Education Meeting, Atkinson School, 7:30 p.m.

### Freeport Memorial Library:

**SEPT. 2 THROUGH SEPT. 29:** Art Exhibit- Sculptures by alene

**SATURDAY, SEPT. 17:** Paint and Park Field Day at Northeast Park, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Create your own Fairy Garden at Atlantic Nursery & Garden Shop, 2 p.m.

**SUNDAY, SEPT. 18:** Jose Menor, pianist, 2:30 p.m.

**MONDAY, SEPT. 19:** Financial Fitness: Investing 101, 7 p.m.

**THURSDAY, SEPT. 22:** AARP "Careversations - a conversation on family caregivers," 1 p.m.

### Freeport Recreation Center's Senior Center, East Merrick Road.

**THURSDAY, SEPT. 15:** Tai Chi at 11:30 a.m. Eight classes. \$34.



### Swingtime Big Band

Swing into the new season with the Swingtime Big Band at the Madison Theatre, on Sunday, Sept. 25, at 3 p.m. With saxophonist and artistic director Steve Shaiman at the helm, the 20-piece ensemble celebrates "Autumn in New York."

Vocalists Bobbie Ruth and Jerry Costanzo join the band in a dynamic performance of classics from the Great American Songbook, including "Autumn Leaves," "September Song," "Early Autumn," "Manhattan," "Sidewalks of New York," and, of course, Frank Sinatra's "New York, New York."

Tickets are \$30-\$35; available at (516) 323-4444 or [www.madisontheatre.org](http://www.madisontheatre.org). Madison Theatre, Molloy College, 1000 Hempstead Ave., Rockville Centre.