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## Easy Game Day Winning Recipes

### Simple Salami Sliders



**1 pkg slider buns**  
**8 slices Swiss cheese**  
**8 slices salami**  
**8 slices ham**  
**1 stick butter, melted**  
**1 tbsp Worcestershire sauce**  
**2 tbsp brown sugar**  
**1 tbsp grated Parmesan cheese**  
**1 tsp onion powder**  
**1 tsp garlic powder**  
**everything bagel seasoning (optional)**

Recipe courtesy of "Cookin' Savvy"

Heat oven to 350 F.  
 Halve slider buns, creating top and bottom portions. Set top portion aside, leaving bottom portion in original container. Place bottom portion and container in baking dish to prevent sticking.  
 Layer Swiss cheese, salami and ham then cover with top buns.  
 Mix melted butter, Worcestershire sauce, brown sugar, Parmesan cheese, onion powder and garlic powder. Pour over sliders.

### 7-Layer Game Day Dip



**1 can (16 oz) refried beans**  
**3/4 cup salsa**  
**2 avocados**  
**1 green bell pepper, finely chopped**  
**2 tbsp fresh lime juice**  
**16 oz sour cream**  
**3 tbsp taco seasoning**  
**1 1/2 cups grated sharp cheddar cheese**  
**1 tomato, diced**  
**1 bunch scallions, chopped (optional)**  
**1 can (2 1/4 oz) sliced black olives, drained (optional)**  
**tortilla chips, for serving**

Recipe courtesy of "Cookin' Savvy"

In medium bowl, stir refried beans and 1/2 cup salsa. In separate medium bowl, mash avocados with remaining salsa. Add bell peppers and lime juice; stir to combine. In third medium bowl, stir sour cream and taco seasoning.

To assemble, spread refried bean mixture in bottom of baking dish. Spread avocado mixture evenly on top then spread sour cream mixture. Sprinkle with cheddar cheese then top with diced tomatoes.

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**Is it true that you shouldn't buy a used electric vehicle (EV) as the batteries only last 5-8 years and then require a costly replacement? - Paul Bresky, Mineola NY**

Many prospective EV buyers worry that the batteries in used EVs degrade quickly, requiring costly replacements. Understanding battery lifespan is crucial in deciding if a pre-owned EV is right for you. Many studies, including one by Car and Driver, show that EV batteries can last "well beyond 100,000 miles, with many exceeding 200,000..." Modern lithium-ion batteries are built for durability, and they protect cells from extreme temperatures and overcharging. CleanTechnica highlights that "ordinary driving, rather than aggressive acceleration and braking, can extend EV battery life by reducing strain on the cells." Also, avoiding deep discharges and extended high-voltage charging cycles helps preserve battery health. Most EVs can retain 70-90 percent of their original capacity even after years on the road. So, overall battery longevity is far more robust than many assume.

When considering a used EV, start by reviewing the battery's state of health (SoH), which professional diagnostic tools or dealership scans can provide. Meridian Energy advises buyers to "check the battery's health through the vehicle's onboard diagnostics or by having an in-

dependent mechanic perform an inspection." This report can reveal how much capacity remains and whether any issues have been flagged.

Climate also matters: vehicles operated in extremely hot or cold regions may lose capacity faster. Consumer Reports recommends verifying if the original battery warranty still applies; many carmakers offer coverage for eight to 10 years or up to 100,000 miles, which often transfers to new owners. Also, certified pre-owned. Lastly, assess charging history and habits. Frequent use of DC fast chargers or constant full charges might reduce battery life over time.

Battery replacements, often costly, are relatively uncommon. Many EV owners sell or trade in their cars long before the battery needs a full overhaul. And Electric Vehicle Council points out that once a battery's driving range diminishes below the needs of a car, it can find a second life in stationary energy storage, reducing waste. Recycling initiatives are also expanding, which helps recapture valuable materials and lower future battery production costs. As technology advances, the cost of battery packs continues to drop, making eventual replacements less costly. With proper research, diagnostic checks, and awareness of warranty coverage, a pre-owned EV can be a reliable, eco-friendly option. By separating fact from fiction, you can confidently enjoy the many benefits a used EV has to offer.

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## TONH TAX TALK-NHP

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## SCAVENGER HUNT CRADLE OF AVIATION

Now thru 2/22. The Tony Award Winning musical, Mincemeat team up for a WWII style codebreaking scavenger hunt through the galleries. Recruits will search, collect the letters and crack the secret code to claim a reward. Free with museum admission. 516-572-4066. [www.cradleofaviation.org](http://www.cradleofaviation.org) Charles Lindbergh Blvd., Garden City.

## ADULT CRAFT AT JONES BEACH

2/5, 1:30-3pm. Adults & Teens 12+ Sustainable Pillows.

Create something to add to your home decor. \$4.p.p. Jones Beach Energy and Nature Center, 150 Bay Pkwy, Wantagh. RSVP required: [www.jonesbeachenc.org](http://www.jonesbeachenc.org)

## LITTLE LEARNERS ART LAB KIDS AGE 2-5

2/5, 11:30-12. Long Island Children's Museum. Each week in this engaging workshop, participants are introduced to hands-on materials, artmaking, and inspiration from artists and techniques. \$4 with museum admission. For more info: [www.lcm.org](http://www.lcm.org) 11 Davis Ave., Garden City

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## SWEETHEART NECKLACES

2/5, 2/6, 2/10, 2/11, 2/12, 2/13. 2:30-4pm. Drop in between these times. Long Island Children's Museum. Ages 2+ Free with museum admission. Purchase tickets: [www.lcm.org](http://www.lcm.org) 11 Davis Ave., Garden City



## LUNAR NEW YEAR CELEBRATION TONH

2/6, 6pm Town of N. Hempstead presents its annual festival featuring traditional lion dances, fun performances and delicious snacks. Celebrating the year of the fire horse. At the Yes We Can Center, 141 Garden St., Westbury. For more info call 516-869-7800 or 311.

## SEAL WALK AT JONES BEACH

2/6, 2/8, 2/13, 2/14. 2:30-4pm. In winter we welcome back our winter seal population. Learn about these incredible marine mammals and their migration while going for a walk to spot Harbor and Grey Seals feeding in the bay. A guided 1.5 mile round trip walk. \$4 p.p. Jones Beach Energy and Nature Center, 150 Bay Pkwy, Wantagh. RSVP required: [www.jonesbeachenc.org](http://www.jonesbeachenc.org)

## ADULT CRAFT AT JONES BEACH

2/6, 1:30-3pm. Adults & Teens 12+ Affirmation Stones.

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## ACRYLIC PAINTING WORKSHOP- NASSAU COUNTY MUSEUM OF ART

2/6, 11am-1pm. Adults and teens 16+. Fine Artist and instructor at the Manes Center for Art Education, Jim Minet, will lead a hands-on materials workshop and full line of professional products, of selected colors and mediums from Holbein's various acrylic color lines. Workshop attendees will have the chance to experiment with Holbein acrylics, matte acrylics, acrylic ink, acrylic gauché, and Legion and General products. All materials will be provided for attendees. \$10 members, \$20 non-members includes museum admission. Register: [www.nassaumuseum.org](http://www.nassaumuseum.org) One Museum Dr., Roslyn Harbor.



## CHORUS LINE- TEENS SUNRISE THEATRE CO.

2/6 & 7. 7pm. A local priest bets and loses the church's funds on a horse race. Show is for mature audience only. Sunrise Theatre Company, 222 Pettit Ave., Bellmore. All tickets \$20.84. Purchase tickets: 516-218-2782 or [www.SunriseTheatreLI.com](http://www.SunriseTheatreLI.com)

## NASSAU REPTILE EXPO

2/7, 9:30am-4pm. Featuring over 175 tables of reptile, amphibian and invertebrate breeders and supply vendors. Tickets: adults, \$16.75, Kids 10 & under \$11.50. Buy tickets online: [www.cradleofaviation.org](http://www.cradleofaviation.org) 516-572-4066. Charles Lindbergh Blvd., Garden City.

## ROCKVILLE CENTRE WINTERFEST

2/7, 12-8pm. On Front Street. Ice skating, live music, hot cocoa, food, igloos, fun activities for all, wine walk. \$10 all access event pass, \$25 wine walk. Purchase tickets at the event or advance at [www.rockvillecentrecitychamberofcommerce.com](http://www.rockvillecentrecitychamberofcommerce.com) or email: [chamberrvc@gmail.com](mailto:chamberrvc@gmail.com)

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## SPIRITUALITY FOR SINGLES AGE 40+

2/7, 7pm. Snacks, pizza, engaging presentation by renowned Tony Bellizzi. \$10 donation. Ages 40+. At St. Aidan Parish, 510 Willis Ave., Williston Park. For more info call Ray: 516-561-6994.

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2/7, 2/21. 9am-1pm. Long Island producers of artisanal foods, baked goods, crafts and other small businesses. At the Special Activities Center, (SAC) Parking field 8, Eisenhower Park, East Meadow. [www.ccenassau.org](http://www.ccenassau.org)



## WATER PURIFICATION MIKE EVANS-VANDERBILT

2/7, 2pm. Workshops are taught in a supportive, low-risk environment with a focus on education, curiosity, and connection. Perfect for beginners, families, and lifelong learners who want to feel more confident and capable outdoors. \$40.p.p. 180 Little Neck Rd., Centerport, 631-854-5579. Register online: [www.vanderbiltmuseum.org](http://www.vanderbiltmuseum.org)

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2/7. 9:30am-4pm. The Expo features over 175 tables of reptile, amphibian, and invertebrate breeders and supply vendors. \$11.50 kids, \$16.75 adults. Includes admission to the museum. Buy tickets online: [www.cradleofaviation.org](http://www.cradleofaviation.org) 516-572-4066. Charles Lindbergh Blvd., Garden City.

## FAMILY ARTMAKING AT THE MANES CENTER

2/7, 2/14, 2/21, 2/28, Converse, collaborate and create together, drop in between 12 and 3pm. Suitable for children aged 2-14 and their adult companions. Everyone may participate in art making and each adult attending must purchase a spot. This is not a drop-off event. Each week is a different theme. Children under age 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Adults \$20, kids \$10. Register online: [www.nassaumuseum.org](http://www.nassaumuseum.org) One Museum Drive, Roslyn.

## CANDY CHEMISTRY FAMILY WORKSHOP

2/8, 10-11:30am. Science Museum of Long Island. Find out the science behind the world's most favorite ingredient, sugar! Learn how chocolate is made from tree to chocolate bar, and even taste some yummy creations of your own! Children \$22. Adults save \$10. Register online: [www.smli.org](http://www.smli.org) 1526 N. Plandome Rd., Manhasset

## PRINCESS ADVENTURE AT THE CASTLE

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## MONTHLY MEDITATION

2/12, 6-7pm. at Sands Point. Led by Hildur Pallsdottir. Held in the beautiful Mansion or Garden weather permitting. Register online. Planting Fields. \$17 per class, non members, \$25. 12 Middle Neck Rd., Sands Point.

[www.SandsPointPreserveConservancy.org](http://www.SandsPointPreserveConservancy.org)

## LITTLE LEARNERS- CAMILLIAS

2/13, 10-11am. Ages 2-5 At Planting

**Fields.** Camellias bring a splash of color to the cold days of winter! Enjoy a floral story, create a blossom craft, and take a quick trip to the Camellia Greenhouse! 1395 Planting Fields Rd., Oyster Bay. \$15 per child. Includes 1 parent. For more details & reserve: [www.plantingfields.org](http://www.plantingfields.org)



## NUNO FELTING AT THE MANES CENTER

2/13, 10am-2pm. Create a colorful Valentine's inspired flowers using the ancient technique of Nuno Felting technique in this hands-on workshop. Adults and teens 16+. All levels welcome. \$60. All materials included. Register online: [www.nassaumuseum.org](http://www.nassaumuseum.org) One Museum Drive, Roslyn.

## GREAT BACKYARD BIRD COUNT

2/13-2/16. You can participate by counting birds in your back yard, local park or wherever you spot a bird. Visit this link to learn more about this citizen science project and how you can participate in this global survey: [birdcount.org](http://birdcount.org) No registration required. For more info: 516-922-1029. [www.northshorelandalliance.org](http://www.northshorelandalliance.org)



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## 18<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY TAVERN NIGHT QUEENS FARM

2/14. 8-11pm. Unplug and unwind as you enjoy a tavern-inspired feast featuring traditional recipes and historic ambiance in the Adriance Farmhouse. Travel back in time with wait staff dressed in 18th-century attire and learn about colonial history. All dishes are freshly prepared in the chef's kitchen and elegantly served by the light of candles. Space is limited and tickets sell out fast. (ages 14 and up). Participants under 21 must be accompanied by an adult). \$95. Please register: [www.queensfarm.org](http://www.queensfarm.org) 73-50 Little Neck Pkwy, Floral Park.

## SAILORS VALENTINE- LICM

2/14, 11am-1pm. Drop in in this time frame. Long Island Children's Museum. Make a special shell mosaic. Ages 3+. Free with museum admission. Purchase tickets: [www.lcm.org](http://www.lcm.org) 11 Davis Ave., Garden City

## MODEL TRAIN SHOW

2/14 & 2/15, 11am-4pm. Trainville Hobby Depot Coordinator. Bethpage Senior Community Center, 103 Grumman Rd. West, Bethpage. Benefits the Nassau County Games for the Physically Challenged. For more info: 516-433-4444



## HEMPSTEAD HOUSE TOURS

2/15 & 3/1, 12 or 1:30pm. At Sands Point. See the grand rooms inside this massive 50,000 s.f. mansion. The former home of Howard Gould and later the Guggenheims. \$10 p.p. payable at the welcome center. Meant for adults, although children over age 5 are ok. 127 Middle Neck Rd., Sands Point. [www.SandsPointPreserveConservancy.org](http://www.SandsPointPreserveConservancy.org)

## TONH SENIORS EXERCISE CLASS REGISTRATION

Register for the upcoming early Spring classes. The Town of North Hempstead presents its free Project Independence Exercise Classes. See complete class list on their website: [www.northhempsteadny.gov](http://www.northhempsteadny.gov) or call 516-869-5311 or 311.

## WINTER HEARTBEAT WALK

2/14, 10-11:30am. At Sands Point. This Valentine's Day, join Hildur Palsdottir for a guided winter walk to explore the quiet but active life of the season. We'll look for animal tracks, signs of winter survival, and the subtle movements that reveal how wildlife stays active. Perfect for all ages. \$15 adults, \$5 kids. 127 Middle Neck Rd., Sands Point. [www.SandsPointPreserveConservancy.org](http://www.SandsPointPreserveConservancy.org)



## KIDS NATURE DETECTIVES

2/16, 10am-1:30pm. at Sands Point

**Preserve.** Winter writing adventure where young authors explore the Preserve like detectives – uncovering nature clues left in the ice, snow, and winter woods – and transform their discoveries into curious, magical tales. A perfect blend of outdoor exploration and creative writing for kids in grades 3-6. \$60 per child. To register please call 516-570-2185 OR email: [tracy.strianese@sandspointpreserve.org](mailto:tracy.strianese@sandspointpreserve.org) 12 Middle Neck Rd., Sands Pt. [www.SandsPointPreserveConservancy.org](http://www.SandsPointPreserveConservancy.org)

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## CHICAGO TRIBUTE PLAZA THEATRICAL

2/21, 7:30pm. Tickets are \$40-\$45. Enjoy the sounds of the popular band Chicago played by Make Me Smile band. Purchase online or call 516-599-6870. Elmont Memorial Library Theatre, 700 Hempstead Tpke., Elmont. [www.plazatheatrical.com](http://www.plazatheatrical.com)

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# The New Hyde Park Chamber of Commerce Installs New President, Officers and Directors at the Annual President's Gala

Wednesday, January 21, 2026 at The Inn At New Hyde Park

The Greater New Hyde Park Chamber of Commerce held its Annual Installation Dinner and Charity Auction attracting over 135 members and elected officials to the Gala. New Incoming Chamber President Dean Lykos, his Officers and those new and renewing Board Members were officially installed. They are ready to carry the Chambers mission forward which is assisting local businesses and the community. Over 80 great prizes were donated by local businesses to the Charity Auction. All net proceeds go to local charities through the chambers 501c3 fund.



*The Entire 2026 Chamber Officers and Board of Directors*

Front row L-R: Directors Devika George, Sunil Baboeram, Current Past President Cheryl Fajardo, Directors Bianca O'Brien and Paul Terry. 2nd row: Directors Rosanne Spinner, Ed Stone, 1st VP Zaleena Schooler, President Dean Lykos, Director Smitha Lukose Khan, Past President Jeanette Frisina, Director Frank Miranda. 3rd row: Directors Richard Pallisco, Christopher O'Brien, Secretary Norma Steele, Treasurer Richard Guilfoyle, 2nd VP Richard Basulto, 3rd VP Ryan McGowan, and Past President Peter Caputo.



*Town Supervisor Jennifer DeSena swears in new President Dean Lykos*



*Outgoing President Cheryl Fajardo hands over the customary gavel to Dean*



*VNHP Mayor Christopher Devane swears in returning board of directors*



*Elected officials congratulate Cheryl for a job well done. L-R: NYS Assemblyman Ed Ra, Town Councilmans Dennis Walsh & Ed Scott, Town Supervisor Jenn DeSena, Hempstead Councilman Tom Muscarella, Nassau Comptroller Elaine Philips, Cheryl Fajardo, Nassau Legislators Scott Strauss & John Guiffre, Town Councilwoman Christine Lui.*



*Nassau County Legislators John Guiffre and Scott Strauss congratulate the brand new incoming board members, Devika George, Paul Terry, Chris O'Brien, Sunil Baboeram,*



*Chamber Past Presidents L-R: Ralph Ventura, Richard DeMartino, Stewart Small, Donna Pagano, Cheryl Fajardo, Jeanette Frisina, Chris Vulpis, Peter Caputo*



*Councilwoman Christine Lui swearing in Officers Zaleena Schooler 1st VP, Rich Basulto 2nd VP, Ryan McGowan 3rd VP, Norma Steele, Secretary, Rich Gulfoyle Treasurer*



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