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### Taco Salad



- 1 lb ground beef
- 1 can (15 oz) black beans
- 1 can (15 oz) corn
- 2 cans (14 oz each) diced tomatoes with chilies
- 1/2 cup half-and-half or milk
- 2 tbsp onion powder
- 2 tbsp garlic powder
- 2 tbsp mesquite seasoning
- 1 tbsp black pepper
- salt, to taste
- 1 lime, juice only
- 1 cup chopped cilantro
- romaine lettuce
- 2-3 cups shredded cheese
- 1 tub (16 oz) sour cream
- crushed tortilla chips

In pan over medium heat, brown beef until cooked through; drain. Add black beans and corn. Stir in tomatoes with juices and half-and-half. Add onion powder, garlic powder, mesquite seasoning and pepper.

Season with salt, to taste. Bring to simmer. Add lime juice; stir. Sprinkle with cilantro.

Wash and chop lettuce. Place cheese and sour cream in bowls for toppings.

On plates, top crushed tortilla chips with meat sauce, lettuce, cheese and sour cream, as desired.

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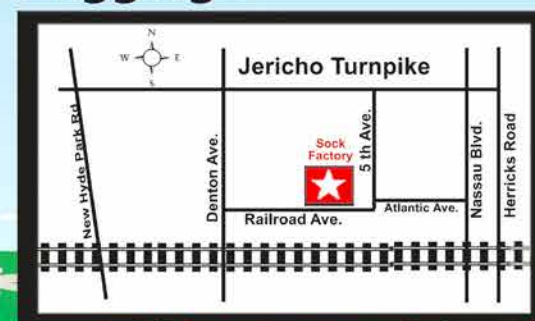
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## BELLMORE CAR SHOW

5/1, 5-10pm. Then Every Friday night until Oct. 30<sup>th</sup>. Weather permitting, at the Bellmore LIRR lot on Broadway. Free admission, \$5 to enter your car. For more info: 516-679-1875 or [www.bellmorechamber.com](http://www.bellmorechamber.com)

## UNITY THRU DIVERSITY MADISON THEATRE

5/1, 6pm. Celebrating all abilities in the arts. A night of music and art. Tickets stat at \$20. Madison Theatre at Molloy U. 1000 Hempstead Ave., Rockville Centre. Tickets call 516-323-4444 OR [www.madisontheatre.org](http://www.madisontheatre.org)

## GROW & GATHER QUEENS COUNTY FARM

5/2, 2-3pm. Seedlings, roots, tubers, weeding, growing, companion plants, tasting and much more. Learn with in-house botanist and biology expert, Tess Fleming. \$5. p.p. reserve your spot: [www.queensfarm.org](http://www.queensfarm.org)  
73-50 Little Neck Pkwy, Floral Park.

## SPRING FEST AT CLARK BOTANICAL GARDEN

5/2, 12-5pm. Garden tours, character meet & greets, crafts, games, face painting, scavenger hunt, lawn games, slime bar, animals, stage performers, food trucks & much more. 193 I.U. Willets Rd., Albertson. For more info: 516-869-6311.

## FAIRY FESTIVAL SANDS POINT PRESERVE

5/2, 10am-4pm. Rain-date 5/3. The Fairy House walk, meet and great with the Queen of Fairies and many others. Live music, hoola hoop jam, magic shows, fairy dance, mermaids, maypole, imaginary tea party, create fairy art, face painting, fairy, gnome & troll sightings, nature walk, adult displays, vendors, food trucks & much more! \$95 per car. Reserve your spot early on website. It will sell out. 12 Middle Neck Rd., Sands Point. Call 516-570-2185 Register: [www.SandsPointPreserveConservancy.org](http://www.SandsPointPreserveConservancy.org).

## STORYBOOK STROLL OLD WESTBURY GARDENS

5/2, 10:30-11:30am. Little people, big dreams. Join us on our new, improved stroll route, we will start at the map stand. Little listeners are invited to join us for a guided stroll through the Gardens! Along the way, we'll discover nature's wonders, in our formal gardens. The tour ends at the Thatched Cottage with a story and hands-on craft for each child to take home. Free w/admission. 71 Old Westbury Rd., Old Westbury. 516-333-0048. [www.OldWestburyGardens.org](http://www.OldWestburyGardens.org)

## SHRED & SHED EVENT NEW HYDE PARK

5/2, 9-11am. Lakeville Civic Assn., AARP & NHP Chamber co-sponsoring this event. **Shredding-** Bring important documents, up to 2 shopping bags. **Shedding-** Bring your expired or un-needed medication for safe disposal. No syringes or liquids. **Veterans & Needy Food Drive-** Bring unexpired canned or boxed food or cash so we buy supermarket gift cards. **Damaged American Flags** – we will be collecting. At Clinton G. Martin Park, New Hyde Park Rd & Marcus Ave.

## CROQUET/GAMES DAY OLD WESTBURY GARDENS

5/2, 11am-4pm. Enjoy some classic outdoor fun with croquet, cornhole, ring toss, and Jenga set up on the back lawn! Perfect for a little friendly competition and relaxation. Free w/admission. 71 Old Westbury Rd., Old Westbury. 516-333-0048. [www.OldWestburyGardens.org](http://www.OldWestburyGardens.org)

## SCAVENGER HUNT OLD WESTBURY GARDENS

5/2, 11am-4pm. Austen in the Gardens. Part of the Regency Romance Weekend. Take a literary walk through the gardens and paths as you search for Jane Austen books and clues. Finish and head to The Barn or Westbury House for a prize. Free w/admission. 71 Old Westbury Rd., Old Westbury. 516-333-0048. [www.OldWestburyGardens.org](http://www.OldWestburyGardens.org)

## BAY DAY- OYSTER BAY

5/2, 11am-4pm. Downtown street fair with live music, inflatable rides, photo booth, carnival games, axe throwing, vendors, local business sales, food & more! On Audrey Ave. For more info: [www.visitoysterbay.com](http://www.visitoysterbay.com)



## MARMALADE/JAM MAKING QUEENS COUNTY FARM

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## MULTI-CULTURAL EVENT- VILLAGE OF NEW HYDE PK.

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## ALICE'S AFTERNOON TEA ROCK HALL MUSEUM

5/3, 1-3pm. Come dressed to impress and enjoy High Tea in the Rock Hall Gardens circa 1767. A variety of tea flavors, delicious finger sandwiches, miniature desserts, fun etiquette lessons, raffles, door prizes, photo ops and much more. Tours of this historic home available. Fee: \$45; \$25 children (Ages 6 and up). Reserve your spot by calling 516-239-1157. 199 Broadway, Lawrence.

## BIRD WALK-MILL POND

5/3, 9am. Hosted by the South Shore Audubon Society. Weather permitting. Free and open to the public, children also encouraged to come. Register by texting Joe Landesberg: 516-467-9498 leave your name and date you want to attend. Mill Pond Park, use street parking westbound side of Merrick Rd. For more info: [www.ssaudubon.org](http://www.ssaudubon.org)

## NATURE JOURNALING HEMPSTEAD LAKE PARK

5/3, 10-11:30am. Age 13 & up. Get in touch with your creative side as you observe & connect with the natural world. Document plants, animals and landscapes using sketches, notes & reflections. No prior experience needed. \$4 p.p. Register in advance by going to Eventbrite.com and search for #Hempstead Lake. 880 Lake Drive., West Hempstead. Field 1.

## GOLDIE HAWN AT MADISON THEATRE

5/4, 7:30pm. Award winning actress, producer, director and best-selling author! Goldie will be talking about her life long career and her new children's book series, The After School Kindness Crew. Ticket \$45. Madison Theatre at Molloy U. 100 Hempstead Ave., Rockville Centre. Tickets call 516-323-4444 OR [www.madisontheatre.org](http://www.madisontheatre.org)

## YOGA IN THE GARDENS

5/4, 5/11, 5/18, 5/25. 10:30-11:30am: Old Westbury Gardens, With Marilyn Ashley \$32. 71 Old Westbury Rd., Old Westbury. 516-333-0048. Register: [www.OldWestburyGardens.org](http://www.OldWestburyGardens.org)

## NASSAU NORTH SHORE CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S CLUB

5/5, Noon: Luncheon - Special feature: Traci Gould of Traci's Treasures, Inspirational Speaker, Bobby Vasquez, Journey of Faith and Soloist Christine Solomino. **Call to reserve by 5/1:** Jane Voss 516-742-0861 or Pat Pedley 516-354-5385. \$45 p.p. Jonathan's Restaurant, 3000 Jericho Tpke., Garden City Park

# More Local Events

**MOBILE PASSPORT DAYS**  
5/6 or 5/20, 5-7pm. Sponsored by the Town of North Hempstead. The town is extending their hours for you to sign up for your passport and passport photos also taken. Call 516-869-6311 to make your appointment. Town Clerk's Office. 200 Plandome Rd., Manhasset



**TAI CHI IN THE GARDENS OLD WESTBURY GARDENS**  
5/6, 5/13, 5/20, 5/27 10:30-11:30am. With professional instructor, Linda Cafiero. All levels welcome. \$32. Weather permitting. 71 Old Westbury Rd., Old Westbury. 516-333-0048. Register: [www.OldWestburyGardens.org](http://www.OldWestburyGardens.org)

**ADULTS ONLY NOSTALGIA NIGHT AT LICM**  
5/6, 6:30-9pm. Long Island Children's Museum. An adults-only evening where your favorite childhood moments come to life (with a grown-up twist). Dig out your best retro outfit (bonus points for butterfly clips, denim-on-denim, or boy band tees) and come relive the magic. Explore the museum after hours while dancing to a live DJ, snapping fun photos and challenging your friends to classic games. Enjoy light bites. \$45.p.p. includes 2 drinks (beer or wine) Reserve your spot: [www.licm.org](http://www.licm.org) 11 Davis Ave., Garden City



**SKETCHING/WATERCOLOR OLD WESTBURY GARDENS**  
5/6, 4-5:30pm. Hands on adult education. Rain or shine. \$27 p.p. 71 Old Westbury Rd., Old Westbury. 516-333-0048. Register: [www.OldWestburyGardens.org](http://www.OldWestburyGardens.org)

**PHOTOGRAPHY HIKE AT JONES BEACH**  
5/6, 1:30-3pm. All experience levels invited to hike the West End. Bring your own camera or cell phone camera. \$4.p.p. Jones Beach Energy and Nature Center, 150 Bay Pkwy, Wantagh. RSVP required: [www.jonesbeachenc.org](http://www.jonesbeachenc.org)



**MONTHLY MEDITATION**  
5/7, 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 ART LAB AT LICM, GARDEN CITY**  
5/7, 11:30am-12pm. Long Island Children's Museum. Weekly workshop for ages 2-5. Hands on art making using various mediums and techniques. This week is decorating birdhouses. \$4 with museum admission. Reserve your spot: [www.licm.org](http://www.licm.org) 11 Davis Ave., Garden City

**SPRING PLANT SALE- CLARK BOTANICAL GARDEN**  
5/8, 10am-6pm & 5/9, 10am-4pm Annuals, perennials, veggies, herbs & art sale. Garden gift shop open. Expert advice on hand from Master Gardeners. On Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, free native tree seedling giveaway while supplies last. 193 I.U. Willets Rd., Albertson. For more info: 516-869-6311.

**LITTLE LEARNERS PLANTING FIELDS**  
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**EMBROIDERY CLASS OLD WESTBURY GARDENS**  
5/8, 4-6pm. Adults & kids age 12+ Learn basic stitches and make a design to take home. All supplies included. \$30 p.p. 71 Old Westbury Rd., Old Westbury. 516-333-0048. Register: [www.OldWestburyGardens.org](http://www.OldWestburyGardens.org)

**ASTRONOMY NIGHT AT JONES BEACH**  
5/8, 8:30-10pm.. Join guest AOSNY for an evening of night skies on the back deck using multiple telescopes. Free. Jones Beach Energy and Nature Center, 150 Bay Pkwy, Wantagh. RSVP required: [www.jonesbeachenc.org](http://www.jonesbeachenc.org)

**PRINCIPALS OF IKEBANA JAPANESE FLOWER DESIGN**  
5/9, 4pm. Rain-date 5/16. Learn technique and theory of flower arranging and Japanese culture. At John P. Humes Japanese Stroll Garden. 3 Dogwood La., Locust Valley. \$15, free for members. Register in advance: 516-922-1029. [www.northshorelandalliance.org](http://www.northshorelandalliance.org)

**FAMILY ARTMAKING AT THE MANES CENTER**  
5/9, Drop in between 12-3pm. Children ages 2-14 and their adults. Get inspired by the art and objects in the galleries and then join at The Manes Art Education Center to explore and discover different materials to create your own original artwork. This weeks' theme, **Rothko Sunset Kites**. Kids \$10, adults \$20, members are free. Price includes museum and supplies. Pre-register online. [www.nassaumuseum.org](http://www.nassaumuseum.org) One Museum Drive, Roslyn.

**POETICA MUSICA OLD WESTBURY GARDENS**  
5/9, 8pm-9:30pm. The Enchantment of Strings. In the intimate and elegant Red Ballroom. The Poetica Musica Quartet will perform a captivating program featuring works by Ravel, Mendelssohn, and Dvořák. The ensemble includes **Eric Wyrick**, violin; **Eugene Moye**, cello; and guest artists **Janey Choi**, violin; and **Michael Roth**, viola. \$30, \$25 for seniors & members. Pre-concert discussion at 7:30 and after concert refreshments. 71 Old Westbury Road, Old Westbury. 516-333-0048. Purchase online: [www.oldwestburygardens.org](http://www.oldwestburygardens.org)

**BUG BUDDIES QUEENS COUNTY FARM**  
5/10, 2-3pm. 11am-12:15pm. Calling all curious kids! The other Arachnids. Get ready for a hands-on learning adventure with our bugs. \$12. p.p. reserve your spot: [www.queensfarm.org](http://www.queensfarm.org) 73-50 Little Neck Pkwy, Floral Park.

**BROWN BAG LECTURES AT THE MANES CENTER**  
5/14, 6/18, 1pm. Join Museum Docent Riva Ettus for her popular Brown Bag Lecture. Explore NCMA's exhibition, *250 Years of Art on Long Island*, through a lively and informative presentation. Participants will have the opportunity to ask questions following the talk. Free with museum fee. [www.nassaumuseum.org](http://www.nassaumuseum.org) One Museum Drive, Roslyn.

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*Is it true that we could meet all of our electricity needs in the U.S. with floating solar panels on reservoirs and other water bodies across the country" - P.L., via e-mail*

Energy usage in the U.S. has surged in recent years, with electric power sector 96 percent of the country's utility-scale electricity. To address this, floatovoltaics—solar panel systems that float on water—have the potential to combat growing energy demands. "Floatovoltaics are one of the fastest-growing power generation technologies today and a promising low-carbon energy source," University of Texas aquatic ecosystem ecologist Rafael Almeida told Eos.

Floating solar farms operate similarly to ground-mounted farms. Devices keeping the system buoyant sit on top of the water, cooling the panels, which increases efficiency. Also, using water surfaces frees up land for other uses. Germany, Russia and China are already benefiting from floating solar farms, suggesting that the U.S. could follow suit.

However, implementing floatovoltaics has issues. As the idea is relatively new, long-term durability is uncertain. Harsh weather, declining performance and maintenance needs must be studied as systems age. Connecting from water to land adds more complexity, as scientists

must ensure efficient power transmission. With time will come a better understanding of the potential to implement them nationwide.

But floatovoltaics do show great promise, though they are unlikely to meet all of the U.S. energy needs alone. Waterbody availability, environmental and logistical concerns mean that floating solar farms could be a complementary solution rather than a standalone one. More research on renewable energy, along with careful system design, will be need to ensure successful implementation. When combined with other efforts, floatovoltaics could help reduce reliance on fossil fuels and meet a large portion of U.S. energy demands. "On one hand, we can't put too many barriers to this potentially important sector to advance," Almeida added. "But on the other hand, we need to understand the trade-offs and fill our prevailing knowledge gaps with more studies."

Floatovoltaics present a revolutionary approach to addressing the U.S. energy needs. Through more research and design, these systems could become key in future renewable energy solutions. Support the adoption of renewable technologies by engaging with community leaders, advocating for local initiatives, and supporting green energy providers. By staying informed and spreading awareness about innovations like floating solar farms, you can help shape the future of renewable energy in the United States.

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