

## Village Day at the Sands Point Preserve

By Jean-Marie Posner

Celebrate autumn at the Sands Point Preserve on Sunday, October 3 from 12:00-5:00 p.m. Bring the entire family to enjoy the pony rides, petting zoo, pumpkin painting, hayrides, live music, the green grocer and refreshments. Admission is \$15.00 per carload (\$10.00 for Preservers' annual member). See you there-rain or shine. Sponsored by Friends of the Sands Point Preserve. For information call 571-7902 or [www.thesandspointpreserve.com](http://www.thesandspointpreserve.com)

## Help America Vote Act (HAVA)

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In 2002, Congress enacted the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) in response to the numerous voting problems experienced in the 2000 Presidential election. HAVA provisions were put in place to help states improve the administration of elections and set standards in areas such as voting systems (including the new voting machines); registration and voter record management; and polling place accessibility and procedures.

**"NEW" VOTING MACHINES** - On September 20, from 5:00-7:00 p.m., the Village of Sands Point will host a demonstration of the new voting machines at Village Hall on Tibbits Lane. Representatives from the board of elections will be available to answer questions and familiarize residents with use of the machines.

**ARE YOU A REGISTERED VOTER?** You can register by mail. Download a PDF version ([www.nassaucountyny.gov/agencies/BOE](http://www.nassaucountyny.gov/agencies/BOE)) of the New York State Voter Registration Form, complete it and mail it to Nassau County Board of Elections, 240 Old Country Road (5th floor), Mineola, NY 11501-4800. Also, E-mail your mailing address to [infoi@boe.nassaucountyny.gov/agencies](mailto:infoi@boe.nassaucountyny.gov/agencies) or call (516) 571-2411 to request an application form. Applications must be postmarked not later than October 8th and received by the Board of Elections not later than October 13th to be eligible to vote in the upcoming General Elections on November 2. You may register in person at Nassau County Board of elections or any state agency participating in the National Voter Registration Act, on any business day throughout the year. If you have been honorably discharged from the military or have become a

naturalized citizen since October 8th, you may register in person at the board of elections up until October 22nd. You can call 1-800-FOR-VOTE hotline to request a voter application or speak to a representative.

**REPORT A CHANGE OF ADDRESS** - If you have moved since you last registered to vote, complete a new registration form and indicate on the form your new address as well as your old address. Address changes cannot be made over the phone. Notices of change of address need to be received not later than October 13th by the county board of elections. You should receive a confirmation after the information is updated.

**VOTING BY ABSENTEE BALLOTS** - If you are unable to be physically present in town on Election Day, you may apply for an absentee ballot. There are eligibility requirements and deadlines set by the board of elections. To learn more or to request an application, check the website: [www.nassaucountyny.gov/agencies/BOE/vote](http://www.nassaucountyny.gov/agencies/BOE/vote) or contact our Sands Point Village Clerk, Randy Bond at 883-3044.