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Shocked it's finally spring? Him, too.

This osprey was captured hovering over the Carmans River in Brookhaven waiting to dive in on his prey.

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Alive on the River: water taxi and golf carts

BY NICOLE ALLEGREZZA

Waterfront dining is about to get a whole lot more fun and convenient this summer with the introduction of Alive on the River, an Alive After Five® spinoff, complete with a water taxi and golf cart service.

The Patchogue Riverfront Committee announced the addition of the water taxi service through a partnership with Fire Island Ferries last week, beginning with a Cinco de Mayo celebration and continuing through the Alive on the River series on Thursdays, alternating with Alive After Five®: July 5 and 26, August 9 and 23 from 4 p.m. to midnight.

John Sarno, owner of Drift 82 and the Village Idiot Pub, said the hope is to continue to supply the service throughout the

summer with either Fire Island or The Oar House water taxi, which is in need of some repairs.

The service will be offered for \$5 a ride or \$10 for an unlimited bracelet. The 30-passenger taxi will loop around to all five locations — Dublin Deck Tiki Bar and Grill, Harbor Crab Co., The Oar Steak and Seafood Grille, Drift 82, and Off Key Tiki — every hour or so.

Participating locations will feature live music and specials throughout the day including the sale of a 22-ounce Patchogue Riverfront 2018 cup for \$10 with \$7 Patchogue Palmer refills.

"But it's a 22-ounce drink that'll knock you on your can really quick," Sarno said, joking, noting that whoever purchases the cup can take it home as a souvenir. "People

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Shutdown: white nationalist records sold at local shop

BY RANDALL WASZYNSKI

Music records, T-shirts and other apparel with white nationalist and hate-related symbols were being sold at New and Old Ltd., an antique shop on Waverly Avenue in Patchogue.

A renter was paying for the space inside the store to showcase his few milk crates of about 50 records for "a couple weeks," said Tom Wilson, the shop owner. The renter told Wilson that the music genre he would be selling was European heavy metal.

"I didn't look through every one," Wilson said. But he said that one of his customers, who is a reborn Christian, recognized the symbols displayed as hate speech. "To me and you, it looks like a dragon. To them, it's a symbol that means something."

The renter had also been distributing fliers for a show featuring these types of bands. These fliers extended as far as Nassau County. James Skidmore, president of the Greater Patchogue Chamber of Commerce and a resident ingrained in the local music community, was notified of the flier through a share on Facebook. The person

who shared it stumbled upon the flier at a music show in Nassau County.

"He said, 'listen, I know what goes on in underground metal, and I know how these things work. The ideologies and the lyrics of these underground bands promote anti-Muslim, anti-Semitic sentiment and white nationalism,'" Skidmore said.

The renter, who's name was not disclosed, had created various pages across social media promoting his sale in the antique shop. Skidmore went before the Patchogue Village board of trustees to alert the village that a record store selling content of this nature was in the community earlier this week.

"[In] Patchogue, where we've already had the Lucero murder in the past, we've already come to terms with who we are and what we are," Skidmore said. "We've made great strides to minimize that type of discrimination. To have this open up in our town — and right at the opening, as you enter the Village of Patchogue — it annoys me. There is no room for this."

The fliers included the address of Wil-
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