



Editor's Letter

The New Year in 2026 represents a fresh start and a chance to begin again. It's a time to leave the past behind and step into the future with hope and determination. What a great way to begin with **Park Magazine's** winter issue by featuring a collection of talented innovative individuals, each an expert in their respective fields.

Featured in this issue is renowned author, historian, and cultural leader Rachel J. Lithgow. A New York-born mother of two now based on Long Island, Rachel has spent more than three decades leading some of the world's most prominent cultural institutions. A celebrated writer, she brings a unique perspective to her dating memoir, *My Year of Really Bad Dates*. Formerly the daughter-in-law of iconic actor John Lithgow, Rachel writes with a voice that is both self-aware and refreshingly unguarded. Be sure to check out her compelling feature article.

Also featured in this edition is Tara Zimmerman, who consistently demonstrates that in the high-end real estate market, the most valuable asset isn't a property, it's trust. This guiding belief has earned Tara a respected and highly sought-after reputation in Long Island's luxury real

estate industry, whether representing buyers or sellers. A Long Island native with deep roots in the North Shore Gold Coast community, she brings a rare combination of hyper-local expertise and a refined global perspective to her work. Tara is a top-producing Associate Broker at Daniel Gale Sotheby's International Realty.

From custom homes to full-scale renovations, many luxury readers will be interested in learning about Pete Donohue, founder of Sandbar Builders. Sandbar Builders is a trusted name across Long Island, recognized for creating exceptional, safe, and thoughtfully designed living spaces that reflect modern luxury lifestyles while emphasizing long-term durability. At the core of Sandbar Builders' philosophy is the belief that a home should be as resilient as it is beautiful.

I hope you continue to enjoy the remainder of the winter season. Soon, spring will be upon us, and I look forward to connecting with you again here, inside the pages of **Park Magazine**.

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