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# Home

Life coach and Chelsea resident Diana Mahiques just bought a three-bedroom Hampton Bays house with a pool that was last asking \$650,000.



## THE WATER'S FINE!

Hampton Bays is an affordable escape less than two hours from Manhattan

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**D**IANA Mahiques of Chelsea has spent past summers in the Hudson Valley, preferring the serenity of towns like Woodstock to the glitz of beachfront locales like the Hamptons. But when a friend encouraged her to explore places on the East End earlier this year, she fell in love with Hampton Bays, an oceanfront enclave mostly west of the Shinnecock Canal that is short on glamour but blessed by beautiful stretches of water on all sides.

In May, she closed on a three-bedroom contemporary house on an acre of land with an asking price of \$650,000. It measures 1,200 square feet and includes a swimming pool and private beach on Peconic Bay.

"It's much more relaxed and laid-back compared to other parts of the Hamptons," says the 50-year-

old former entertainment industry executive, who is now a life coach. "And there's a real sense of community, so that was also very appealing to me."

For decades, Hampton Bays was an afterthought in the high-stakes real estate world on the South Shore, overshadowed by more highly prized ZIP codes farther east. But the waterfront town, sandwiched between East Quogue and Shinnecock Hills and a two-hour drive from Manhattan, is increasingly attracting the kind of summer clientele usually reserved for ritzier areas of the Hamptons.

Estée Lauder executive Olivier Bottrie (inset) owns a summer retreat there, as does New York Giants scion Frank Mara, brother of co-owner John Mara, who spends his summers at a bay-front property on Red Creek Road.

They join an ever-expanding group of New



Olivier Bottrie



132 Newtown Road

The Hampton Bays estate known as Shorebluff recently sold for \$5.7 million, a record for the budget-friendly town.

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# Gimme Shelter

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## COURT OF APPEAL



Al Seidman, Amanda Edwards/WireImage (inset)

60 Sutton Place South

**G**ET your gavel ready! A Sutton Place duplex penthouse that once belonged to **Judy Sheindlin** (right), also known as Judge Judy, is back on the market for \$3.29 million. In 2010, Sheindlin, who is reportedly TV's highest-paid personality and earned a Guinness World Records spot for being the longest-serving judge in "courtroom-themed programming history," sold the unit at 60 Sutton Place South with her husband, **Gerald Sheindlin**, for \$2.25 million to the current owners, **John and Diane McGeeney**. When they bought the penthouse, the McGee-neys asked to keep one of her placards, which remains on a wall in the kitchen. The three-bedroom, 2½-bathroom home is 2,250 square feet and features two terraces. The 19th-floor unit opens to a gracious entrance gallery that flows into a large living room with a woodburning fireplace and oversize windows. The first floor also includes the first terrace and a windowed eat-in chef's kitchen with a home office space. The upper level features the bathrooms and the second, larger terrace, which measures 570 square feet and comes with an irrigation system. The home also boasts a lot of custom built-ins for extra storage space. The listing brokers are Corcoran's **Diane Silberstein** and **Caroline Hall**.



## Mega mansion

**DESIGNER Vera Wang** (inset) and **Anna Anisimova**, the "Russian Paris Hilton" whose billionaire dad, **Vasily Anisimov**, is tight with **Vladimir Putin**, have rented this home in Water Mill, now on the market for \$495,000 for six months — or \$195,000 for the month of July. The eight-bedroom, 12½-bathroom home is known as the Resort at Mill Creek. The owner is socialite **Pnina Anza**, an interior designer who also designed the estate. At around 14,000 square feet, the manse comes with a gym, two saunas, a home theater, a library and



The Resort at Mill Creek

The Corcoran Group



a billiards room. The property also features indoor and outdoor pools, tennis courts and a greenhouse. The broker is Corcoran's **Beth Marano**.



We hear...

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THAT football legend **Joe Theismann** (left), who was in town with his wife for the US Open golf tournament, recently headlined an event at 224-234 Tuckahoe Lane, the Southampton estate owned by celebrity chef **Rachael Ray** and her husband **John Cusimano**, frontman of rock band The Cringe. The couple listed their compound for \$4.5 million in April, down from its original \$4.9 million asking price last year. The listing broker is **Angela Boyer-Stump**, of Sotheby's International Realty.

## Laying a foundation

IN December, makeup mogul **Bobbi Brown** (inset) and her husband, real estate developer **Steven Plofker**, sold their Jersey Shore house in Bay Head for \$3.6 million. In March, they opened a whimsical hotel, The George, in their hometown of Montclair, NJ. Now, we can tell you exclusively that they are in serious talks to buy an acre of land in Sag Harbor — on a private road off Glover Street — to build a new dream house. "Like their old beach house, this land is also on the water, and it is a gorgeous spot," a friend says. Brown and Plofker restored a historic home to create their inn, so perhaps it's time for the couple to tackle some serious ground-up construction. Brown could not be reached for comment. The seller's broker, **Amelia Doggwiler** of Brown Harris Stevens, had no comment.



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## Specs and the city

**WANT** to live next door to gubernatorial candidate **Cynthia Nixon** (inset)? A co-op at 10 Bleecker St. — adjacent to the "Sex and the City" star's unit — is now on the market for \$2.22 million. Nixon lives in a \$3.25 million unit on the third floor of the building, at the corner of Elizabeth Street, with her wife, **Christine Marinoni**, and their 7-year-old daughter. The pad on the market, owned by photographers **Bill Orcutt** and **Ilonka Van Der Putten**, is currently set up as a one-bedroom. The listing brokers are Douglas Elliman's **Richard Zwerling**, **Tom Postilio** and **Mickey Conlon**.



10 Bleecker St.

Douglas Elliman



Bed-Stuy and Astoria (inset below) are two areas that offer new alums the best deals.

## BEST NABES FOR GRADS

# School's out!

**N**EWLY minted alums from universities across the country are flocking to New York for internships, jobs and, inevitably, cramped apartments.

But have hope, bright-eyed millennials. Certain areas should top your house-hunting checklist, according to the local real estate website Brick Underground. A study released earlier this month crowned Bed-Stuy the No. 1 neighborhood for recent grads.

Brick Underground enlisted startup Localize to crunch the numbers on one-bedroom prices from listings search engine RentHop as well as per-room costs via roommate-matching service Roomi. Localize also took other variables into account, including crime rate, commute length, bikeability, nightlife options and the size of the youth population.

Bed-Stuy, which scored high in all categories but safety, boasts a median one-bedroom rent of \$2,072. "Bed-Stuy has become one of the most popular spots in Brooklyn for twentysomethings, who were priced out of places like Williamsburg," Localize urban planner Beth Kancilia told Brick Underground. "You can still find a room for less than \$1,000 a month, but it probably won't be like this for long. The hip neighborhood is gentrifying and becoming more expensive at a rapid pace."

Ridgewood, Washington Heights and Astoria followed Bed-Stuy. Rounding out the top 10 are Concourse, Sunset Park, Sunnyside, Flatbush, East Harlem and Clinton Hill.

— Suzy Weiss



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