

DEPUTY GRAND MARSHAL HONORABLE WALTER SANCHEZ.

Walter H. Sanchez and his son John purchased The Wave, Rockaway's legacy weekly newspaper, in 2018. Since then, through the leadership of editor Mark Healey and staff, the paper has grown in both print circulation and its digital & social media reach. Its glossy special print issues have brought The Wave to the next level of excellence in community journalism. This year The Wave ran its first 'Rockaway Family Fun Day,' a community festival, on October 1st on 116th Street. "We look at The Wave as a vital community service. It's part of what makes this community so solid. The St. Patrick's Day Parade is that yearly signature event in Rockaway that kicks off Spring like no other,"

Walter owns a media company that publishes nine other weekly community newspapers in Brooklyn, Queens and Rockland County, as well as the monthly business magazine, This Is Queensborough.

Walter is a member of the board of directors of the Joseph P. Addabbo Family Health Center, he is a trustee of Catholic Charities of Brooklyn/Queens and the president of the board of directors of The Variety Boys & Girls Club of Queens. Walter had spent 20-years (from 1990 through 2010), coaching young men and women in Brooklyn, Queens and Manhattan. He coached tennis at Msgr.

McClancy HS in East Elmhurst and at St. Joseph's College, Brooklyn. He also coached women's basketball at Dominican Academy-Manhattan, St. Joseph's College-Brooklyn and St. Stanislaus CYO program in Maspeth. He is a graduate of Fordham University.

He is a lifelong resident of Maspeth, Queens, with his wife Tammy. He has three children; John, Caitlyn and Thomas, and one grand-daughter, Leah.

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