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Water tower modeled on Venetian campanile

The brick and sandstone

Jones Beach water tower was built in 1930, and

designed to reflect the

bell tower of St. Mark's

stores water from three

1,000-foot-deep wells. The tower provides all

the fresh water for the

park. It received a \$6.2

million upgrade in 2010.

Basilica in Venice. It

encases a 315,000gallon steel tank, which

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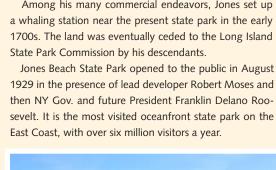
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The iconic water tower seen from the boardwalk at Jones Beach State Park. [PHOTOS: MARY KORR]







RIMJ Associate Editor Kenneth S. Korr, MD, checks the latest issue of the Journal at Jones Beach State Park on the south shore of Long Island, NY, in front of the famous Boardwalk Music Shell.

JONES BEACH STATE PARK, WANTAGH, NY The RI roots of Jones Beach

Jones Beach State Park has Rhode Island roots stemming back to Colonial days. Capt. Thomas Townsend, a trader, Portsmouth resident and sheriff, acquired land

in South Oyster Bay, Long Island, in 1688.

Two years later, Thomas Jones, a privateer, left Ireland and landed in Rhode Island. Here he became acquainted with Capt. Townsend, and met and eventually married his daughter, Freelove. While his future

son-in-law was absent on the high seas for three years, Townsend moved to South Oyster Bay with Freelove and deeded the land to his daughter and son-in-law after their marriage in 1695.

Among his many commercial endeavors, Jones set up a whaling station near the present state park in the early 1700s. The land was eventually ceded to the Long Island

1929 in the presence of lead developer Robert Moses and then NY Gov. and future President Franklin Delano Roosevelt. It is the most visited oceanfront state park on the



RIMJ Managing Editor Mary Korr, and her brother, James Thornton, on the Jones Beach boardwalk, which stretches 2.5 miles along the Atlantic Ocean beachfront.

Jonesy the Whale, a 32-foot metal sculpture, looms in front of the Beaux Art East Bath House. The mesh giant, installed several years ago, is designed to educate the public on the consequences of ocean pollution. Jonesy "gobbles" up plastics and debris during beach clean-up days.

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