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The City Council of Long Beach passed legislation last night that makes it a crime for adults to serve alcohol to non-family minors in their homes.

The legislation is the first of its kind in New York State,

to an adult's own children or during a religious ceremony. Violation of the law carries a punishment of up to 15 days in jail and a fine of up to \$250.

"We are so proud of you for considering this," Judi Vining, coordinator of the Long Beach Coalition to Prevent Underage Drinking, told the council

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SHELTER ISLAND

Recalling the joys of another era

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Small boats went back and forth to a tiny island in Coecles Harbor yesterday from a dock on Shelter Island, carrying scores of people and recreating a scene that hadn't taken place since Harry S. Truman was president.

Yesterday was Aug. 15, the day Christian churches celebrate Mary's ascension. That was why S. Gregory Taylor — a prominent Greek who built the St. Moritz Hotel in Manhattan, owned several other hotels and eventually bought the tiny island that now bears his name — chose that day to throw his annual summer party, one of the most talked-about events on the East End in the 1940s.

Everyone was invited, and many people from Shelter Island would show up, mingling with his wealthy friends and eating Greek specialties made by the cooks Taylor brought out from his hotels.

After Taylor died in 1948, the annual event faded in memory and then into local legend. Yesterday, a committee working to preserve the island brought back the celebration and invited anyone who might have a story about Taylor to come, in an effort to learn more about him. In his honor, they served stuffed grape leaves and artichokes and honey-soaked desserts. Rini King squeezed 150 lemons for the homemade lemonade.

While much is known about

Taylor, there is relatively little information about his life on Shelter Island.

Even Andrew Arkin, 82, who rented the island and spent summers there from 1958 to 1981, could provide just glimpses of what it was like living on an island that could be reached only by boat or on a narrow spit of land exposed at low tide.

"I once gave a clambake for 70 people from Southampton and East Hampton. Around 8:30 p.m., the heavens opened up. . . . I slept 18 people on my living room floor that night," he said.

Taylor is buried on his island — the South Ferry Co. had to send a boat to transport his coffin in bitter February weather — and a low stone marks his grave.

According to Patricia Shillingburg, a Shelter Island resident who wrote a history of Taylor's Island, Taylor purchased it April 21, 1937, when it was still called Cedar Island. No deed of the transfer was recorded. Under the terms of Taylor's will, the island reverted to the town of Shelter Island as no close relative survived. It became town property in 1997, and the town has been trying to decide what to do with it since.

"There's something elusive about this," said Ethelee Hahn, who has lived on Shelter Island for more than 40 years, as she sat on a 19-foot boat and made the trip from a town dock to Taylor's Island. "I live on an island, and we have another island. . . . I love tales of times gone by."

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