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SOUTHAMPTON TOWN SUPERVISOR SAYS THE “STATE OF THE TOWN” IS SOLID

Supervisor Jay Schneiderman emphasized public safety and unveiled his “Quality of Life” agenda when he delivered his “State of the Town” address to the Town Board at its meeting April 25, 2017. The Supervisor’s presentation also focused on open and accessible government, the environment, Town finances and long range planning. Schneiderman says Public Safety initiatives include the creation of a new department of Public Safety that will consolidate resources of Code Enforcement, Fire Marshall and Animal Control. The Town will soon also introduce a new app to make it easier for residents to report complaints and track the Town’s response from any mobile device.



The Supervisor also noted the Town’s recent affirmation for Triple A status by Moody’s and Standard and Poor’s. “We have met a very high standard and intend to keep operating at that level,” said Schneiderman. The Supervisor also proposed a goal to provide 100% of the Town’s electrical energy needs through renewable energy sources by 2025.

SOUTHAMPTON TOWN EARNS CLEAN ENERGY COMMUNITY DESIGNATION

The Town of Southampton is a Clean Energy Community! The New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) recognized the Town for reducing energy use, cutting costs and driving clean energy locally. Specifically, the Town received the designation by completing 4 of the 10 high-impact clean energy actions identified by Governor Cuomo’s Clean Energy Communities initiative. The Town adopted a Unified Solar Permit, completed energy Code Enforcement training in the Building Department, completed a solarize program by implementing the Tri-energy program and purchased an electric vehicle. Southampton Town Green Advisory Committee co-chair Dieter von Lehsten said, “As a coastal community, the South Fork is particularly sensitive to severe storms and beach erosion. Southampton Town’s actions reduce CO2, deter sea level rise, demonstrate sustainable environmental leadership and reduce operating costs at the same time.”



SOUTHAMPTON TOWN SWEARS IN NEW POLICE CHIEF

There’s a new Chief in Town! Steven E. Skrynecki was sworn in as Southampton Town Police chief May 01, 2017. Chief Skrynecki comes to the Town with more than 40 years of police experience in the Nassau County Police Department. He served as Chief of the Nassau Department since 2010. Chief Skrynecki started as a patrol officer in 1974 and worked his way up through the ranks to Commanding Officer of the Robbery Squad, Narcotics Squad, Internal Affairs, Chief of Detectives to Chief of the Department in Nassau County. “He brings with him great experience and keen insight into law enforcement that I believe will be a tremendous asset to the Town of Southampton,” said Supervisor Schneiderman. Chief Skrynecki becomes the fifth Chief of Police since the Police Department was founded in 1951.

SUPERVISOR TAKES HONOR FLIGHT

Fifty Long Island War Veterans traveled to Washington DC this Spring as part of the National “Honor Flight”. Supervisor Jay Schneiderman participated as one of the guardians and escorted the Vets to the Nation’s Capitol. The flight from Mac Arthur Airport carried 20 World War Two Vets and 30 Korean War vets to visit their war memorials. They also visited Arlington National Cemetery and witnessed the changing of the guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. “It was quite an honor,” Supervisor Schneiderman said, “to be a part of this moving trip. These veterans represent our finest generations of war veterans and sadly we’re losing many of them. It’s a wonderful tribute to all of them!”



BAKE YOURSELF HAPPY

Who wouldn’t want to be a judge in a baking contest? Councilwomen Julie Lofstad and Christine Scalera didn’t want to pass up the chance to taste some delicious baked goods whipped up by young members of our community. The Baking Competition was sponsored by the Youth Bureau and titled “Bake Yourself Happy”. The first place cupcake prize went to Eliana Hill who baked up a batch of Strawberry Vanilla cupcakes! The first prize for cookies was awarded to Avery Cintron who whipped up a bunch of S’mores Cookies. Recipes for the sweet treats and other inventive recipes can be found on our website. www.southamptontownny.gov/youthbureau

NEW SHELLFISH HATCHERY EXPECTED TO MAKE A SPLASH THIS SUMMER!

The Tiana Marine Education Center is slated to open in mid-June. What was once a police barracks many years ago, the building was left unused and unoccupied for over a decade. Now, with the cooperation between the Town of Southampton Parks and Recreation Department and the Cornell Cooperative Extension, the site will become a center for all residents to learn about the work and programs in aquaculture, beach restoration and other related disciplines. The building also hosts the successful SPAT program administered by Cornell in Southold and locally with the Southampton Town Trustees. The SPAT program has hundreds of members who raise thousands of oysters, and scallops. This is a cooperative effort to help restore our bay biology while educating the public about the issues facing our water quality and coastal beaches. "The Tiana Marine Center is the first of many future Town commitments to restoring our water quality, through aquaculture, education and community participation," said Councilman John Bouvier. The building will contain a touch tank and small lab as well as areas designed to grow a variety of beach grasses for use in beach restoration. The solar roof panels, the first on a town facility, will help run equipment used in raising oysters and other shellfish, functioning as a nursery. Open to all, the Marine Center promises to educate, inform and help in our efforts to restore our water quality. It will also be a place to just have fun working together for the good of our environment.



SPRING IS IN BLOOM AT THE COMMUNITY GARDEN

Community Farmers rolled up their sleeves and put on their gloves to plant this year's crop at the Flanders Community Garden. On Saturday, May 6th the Flanders Community Garden kicked off its 4th season with participants from FRNCA, Riverside Rediscovered, Bayview Pines Civic, Waters Edge Civic, the Truth Community Church, The Town's Youth Bureau, Senior Services and the Butterfly Effect Project. Soon we will see the fruits of their labor with a bumper crop of vegetables, herbs and flowers.

Pictured left to right- Sarah Huneault, Angela Huneault, Steven Schreiber, Steven Keller, Councilwoman Christine Scalera, Tim Ganetis and Terri Holtgrewe



GOOD GROUND PARK GRAND OPENING

Get ready for some great entertainment when Good Ground Park opens for the Summer June 10th! We plan to get the party started with a Grand Opening Day Celebration beginning with the Teen Repertory Company for the Westhampton Beach Performing Arts Center. They will open with the Star Spangled Banner and perform a few Broadway tunes. Then by popular demand, Children's Musician Darlene Graham and Face Painter April Keough will return to entertain the kids. It all gets started at 10am.

In the evening beginning at 6pm, The Darren Ottati Band will entertain the adults with show tunes from Broadway and some of the standards from Frank Sinatra and the American songbook. We have several concerts scheduled this summer including Randy Jackson, formerly of Zebra, on July 27th, Nancy Atlas July 30th, Mambo Loco August 20th and the "Lone Sharks" on August 24th. We also plan movie nights hosted by the Hampton Bays Library, for the whole Family with "Independence Day" July 13th and "The Princess Bride" on August 10th. So, bring the popcorn and blankets and watch movies in the park under the stars.

RIVERSIDE TRAFFIC CIRCLE GROUND BREAKING

The long awaited redesign of the Riverside Traffic Circle has now begun. A groundbreaking ceremony was held Tuesday May 30, 2017. The \$5 million dollar Suffolk County Department of Public Works project is expected to last 18 months. In an effort to limit delays and inconvenience to drivers, businesses and residents of the area, work will be done primarily at night. The long awaited project will turn the traffic circle into a two lane oval. "This is a critical step in the revitalization of the Riverside area" said Supervisor Jay Schneiderman. "The traffic circle does not work," said Schneiderman. "Traffic comes to a crawl and people traveling this gateway to the Hamptons get stuck in traffic for miles. By re-designing this circle into a two lane oval, traffic will keep flowing. And as we rebuild the Riverside area it will make traveling Flanders Road more enjoyable."



ALL ABOARD!

The Town of Southampton rolls out a new trolley service for Hampton Bays this summer. The Trolley will begin at the Train Station on the hour and take passengers to the beach, restaurants and parks. The Trolley will make regular stops but it will also make "flag" stops when it can safely stop and pick up passengers who wave it down. The shuttle service will run 6 days a week during the summer months from 10am to 6pm. "This is a great way for visitors to see what Hampton Bays has to offer," said Supervisor Jay Schneiderman. The trolley costs \$5.00 per drop off, \$10.00 for a daily unlimited ride ticket, \$3.00 for seniors and children, \$8.00 for an unlimited daily ticket, children under 3 ride for free. You can also buy an unlimited rides season pass for \$100.00. The weekend of June 17th, the trolley will run free of charge as the service kicks off for the season. Beginning June 30th the service will run 6 days a week from 10am to 6pm. There will be no service on Wednesdays.

