



E SOUTHAMPTON TOWN NEWSLETTER

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LOBSTER INN PURCHASE

The Town of Southhampton has saved the iconic Lobster Inn in Shinnecock Hills from turning into luxury condominiums through a complex arrangement that protects open space, creates a public marina and promotes aquaculture. The 5.3 acres were preserved by the Town in fee title and the Town acquired development rights on 4.5 acres, both for \$7.6 million through the Community Preservation Fund. The former restaurant building and property were acquired by a third party, Inlet Road Operations Corporation, which is affiliated with Manna Ocean Foundation, for about \$850,000. “This transaction will help protect water quality and will preserve the neighborhood from overdevelopment,” said Supervisor Jay Schneiderman. Under the agreement, the Town Parks and Recreation Department will manage the marina.

CANOE PLACE INN GROUNDBREAKING

Southampton Town Board members joined Rechler Equity Partners for a groundbreaking ceremony on June 26, 2018 for the Canoe Place Inn and Boathouse at the Shinnecock Canal in Hampton Bays. Developers plan to build 37 townhouses on the east side of the canal and a 25 room inn with a catering hall on the west side of the canal. “We know many people in the Hampton Bays Community have been waiting a long time for something to be done to the old Canoe Place Inn,” said Supervisor Jay Schneiderman. “This new project will revitalize this area and keep the charm of the old Canoe Place Inn.” The project is expected to be completed in 2020.



OUT WITH THE OLD, IN WITH THE NEW

The former Howard Johnson’s Restaurant at the Riverside traffic circle, most recently known as the Riverboat Restaurant, was demolished this summer to make room for a new-mixed use medical office building with apartments above. The demolition marks the initial redevelopment effort in Riverside under the Riverside Redevelopment Action Plan. Members of both the Southampton Town Board and the Riverhead Town Board joined other elected officials and members of the community in a groundbreaking ceremony on August 16, 2018 to demonstrate the importance of this vital corridor to the East End. The nearby reconstruction of the Riverside Traffic Circle is also nearly complete.

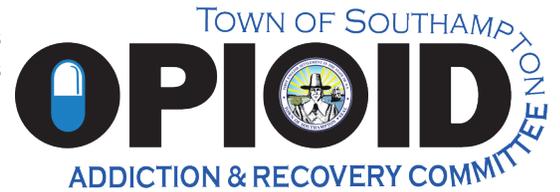


TOWN OF SOUTHAMPTON
OPIOID
ADDITION TASK FORCE

DRAFT REPORT
2018

HELP IS ON THE WAY

The Opioid Addiction Task Force issued its final draft report in June and it is now replaced with the Opioid Addiction and Recovery Committee, which was created to help the Town Board implement some of the Task Force's recommendations. The new committee consists of 16 members of the community (many from the original Task Force), including medical professionals, treatment advocates and people affected by the opioid epidemic, who will work with the representatives from the State Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services (OASAS) to expand programs and resources to the East End to help end the opioid crisis.



STAR REQUIREMENTS

Those receiving property tax breaks under the STAR Enhanced program are now required to report income to the State. Recent changes to Real Property Tax Legislation now require any property owner who receives the STAR enhanced exemption to enroll in the mandatory Income Verification Program (IVP). The IVP allows the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance to verify annual income to approve qualifications. If you are applying for the STAR exemption for the first time for the 2019/2020 tax year, you must register with the NYS Department of Taxation and Finance at www.tax.ny.gov/star to apply. If you are already a STAR recipient, you will have to report your income for this initial year of the new program. For more information, visit our website at www.southamptontownny.gov



SOUTHAMPTON'S FINEST LIFEGUARDS

Southampton lifeguards were put to the test in the annual inter-beach lifeguard competition in July. "The Battle of Southampton" was a precursor and warm-up to the annual East Hampton Main Beach Long Island Lifeguard Competition a week later. In the Southampton Battle, lifeguards from beaches east of the canal competed against guards from places west of the canal. In the end, bragging rights belonged to the men's team East, with the most wins. Southampton was one of several teams competing in the East Hampton competition, including lifeguards from Jones Beach, Smith Point and Fire Island. Southampton women took first place in both the landline rescue and the sprint relay. The 32nd annual competition in East Hampton is a favorite among locals.



YOUTH BUREAU MOVES TO DAVID W. CROHAN COMMUNITY CENTER IN FLANDERS

655 FLANDERS RD, FLANDERS

The administrative offices of the Southampton Youth Bureau have moved from Southampton Town Hall to the lower level of the David W. Crohan Community Center in Flanders, where many of their programs originate. The Youth Bureau has a strong after school program at the Flanders Road location, which helps many of the working families in the community with after-school care for their children. All program information, registration and referrals will now be accepted at this new location. The phone number remains the same 631-702-2425.

TIANA BEACH, ONE OF THE BEST IN NEW YORK

Tiana Beach was recognized as #4 on a list of the 10 best beaches in New York State! USA Today named Tiana one of the best in New York, ahead of Cooper's Beach, in Southampton Village, a perennial among the top ten on the annual Dr. Beach best beach list. Dr. Beach, aka Dr. Stephen Leatherman, teamed up with ten editors and local experts to develop the list. Three other beaches ranked higher than Tiana. The Fire Island National Seashore in Patchogue came in first, followed by Jones Beach in Wantagh and Robert Moses in Babylon. "This recognition confirms what we already know, that our beaches are some of the finest in the state. Indeed, I believe they are some of the best beaches in the world," said Southampton Town Supervisor Jay Schneiderman. In its article, USA Today says of Tiana Beach: "Typically less crowded than nearby Ponquogue, Tiana Beach offers both bayside and oceanside barrier beaches complete with amenities like lifeguards, showers, concession stands, picnic tables and beach volleyball courts."



HATS OFF TO LYZON HAT SHOP

It was a hot and steamy day in June, perfect for wearing a hat to guard you from the mid-day sun, for the grand opening of the Lyzon Hat Shop in Hampton Bays. About a hundred people turned out for the ribbon cutting ceremony, including the grandchildren of famed hat maker Walter King, who traveled from Tennessee! During its heyday, the 19th century shop attracted the rich and famous, including royalty as customers. In its modern day remake, it was renovated using Community Preservation Funds and now serves as a museum run by the Hampton Bays Historical and Preservation Society. Several of Mr. King's one of a kind hats are on display at the Shop. Those in attendance at the ribbon cutting were treated to some old fashioned lemonade and ice cream, and the serenades of the Long Island Sound Chorus-Sweet Adeline's.



TIANA LIFE SAVING STATION RENOVATION

Great progress has been made on the restoration of the old Tiana Life Saving Station, formerly known as Neptune Beach Club, on Dune Road in Hampton Bays. The third and final phase of the restoration includes designing both the interior and exterior of the building, and will begin soon. Future uses of the building will include a self-guided exhibit about the all African-American crew who manned the Life Saving Station from 1942 to 1944, during its last activation phase. The purchase and restoration is being funded through the Community Preservation Fund. "I look forward to completion of the final phase of this project. This restoration of a very important part of Southampton history is a strong recognition of the role of early African-American settlers and the role these men played in the saving of numerous lives along our coast and the protection of our shores," said Councilman John Bouvier. When the Tiana Life Saving Station opens to the public next summer, the site will be managed by the Parks and Recreation Department. It is expected to have a food concession.

DEC MEETING

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VERY SPECIAL SAILORS SET SAIL IN SAG HARBOR

“Sailing with Autism” set sail from Foster Memorial, commonly known as Long Beach, in Noyac on a beautiful day in July. The event, co-sponsored by the Sea Scouts and the Flying Point Foundation for Autism helped developmentally challenged members of the community enjoy swimming, kayaking and sailing on the bay. “It was great to see these young adults sailing on Noyac Bay,” said Town Councilman Tommy John Schiavoni. “It was a perfect afternoon!”



US OPEN STOPS AT SHINNECOCK HILLS

The US Open teed off at Shinnecock Hills this year and many say it was a hole in one! More than 150,000 spectators visited the area during the week-long tournament in June. “This was a monumental effort to direct traffic and implement safety procedures,” said Southampton Town Supervisor Jay Schneiderman. “Under the direction of Southampton Town Police Chief Steven Skyrnecki, it all played out beautifully,” said Schneiderman. The Long Island Railroad added stops near the course to help spectators attend the event without having to drive. Shuttle buses were arranged at Gabreski Airport in Westhampton and the Hampton Classic grounds in Bridgehampton. The event pumped millions of dollars into the local economy. The US Open returns to Shinnecock in 2026.



GOOD GROUND ON STAGE IS A HIT IN HAMPTON BAYS

Attendance continues to grow at concerts and other performances at Good Ground Park in Hampton Bays. The season kicked off with several hundred people in attendance for “Gene Casey and the Lone Sharks.” The crowds remained large for other acts as well, including “The Nancy Atlas Project.” “It’s wonderful to see the park is able to host these great events. We are bringing people from all over, who may not usually stop in Hampton Bays, and that’s a good thing,” said Councilwoman Julie Lofstad.



The Town Parks and Recreation Department also offered something new to the event schedule this summer, “Shakespeare in the Park,” which was very entertaining, according to those who attended. Plans are now being made for family fun fall and winter events in the park.

BEACH CLEAN-UP CONTEST

On Saturday August 25th, Southampton Town Councilwoman Christine Scalera and Southampton Village partnered with Purist Magazine to bring the Fifth Annual Kids Beachcomber Clean-Up contest to Coopers Beach. The Annual Kids Beachcomber Clean-Up Contest is for children of all ages and this year over 30 kids participated in the annual summer event. Prizes donated from Hamptons Trading Company, Soixante Neuf Jewelry, Flying Point Surf Shop and others were given out to the top beachcomber winners and Hint Water generously donated water and sun block for each participant and the Juice Press provided fresh juices and snacks.



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