



## JAY SCHNEIDERMAN

### SUPERVISOR'S MESSAGE

It has been an honor to serve the residents of Southampton Town for the past 8 years as Town Supervisor. Due to term limits, I will be leaving office at the end of the year as we welcome in the newly elected Supervisor, Maria Moore. As I reflect on my time in office, I am most proud of the team we built to serve the people of this great community. The work done to protect our quality of life has paid off. Southampton has experienced great prosperity over the last eight years including significant increases in property values. The Town property tax rate is lower than it was eight years ago. Our water quality has dramatically improved and a thousand acres of land has been protected, including hundreds of acres of farmland.

Major improvements have been made to our infrastructure including new facilities and enhanced parks access. Public transportation options have been expanded and new housing opportunities for our essential workers have been created. The Town provided vital services through the pandemic assisting with food delivery and the distribution of PPE, vaccinations and testing. Our police and code enforcement departments have been modernized and expanded resulting in a significant reduction in major crimes.

Town government services have been made more accessible through online meetings and internet-based services. Millions of dollars in grants to improve our downtown areas have been secured over the past eight years. Many historic buildings including the Nathaniel Rogers Home in Bridgehampton and the Lyzon Hat Shop in Hampton Bays have been restored. The Town achieved the highest credit rating of Aaa and received the highest praise for our financial management by independent auditors.

None of these successes could have been possible without the support of my administrative team including Frank Zappone, Jakki O'Neill and Janice Wilson.

## THANK YOU

### JOHN BOUVIER

#### COUNCILPERSON

Councilman John Bouvier will be completing his second term on the Southampton Town Board at the end of this year. Since taking office in 2016, Councilman Bouvier has been a leader in promoting water quality, sustainability and clean energy in the Town. He worked to create a rigorous process to implement water quality projects funded through Community Preservation Water Quality Fund, including a rebate program to replace old residential septic systems with new Innovative and Alternative (I/A) systems to reduce effluent chemical contributions to our ground and surface waters, established a Marine Education Center at Tiiana, and spearheaded the property acquisition for the future Westhampton Community Center.

Councilman Bouvier was liaison to the Sustainability Committee, Affirmative Action Task Force, Anti-Bias Task Force, Community Preservation, Waste Management, Land Management, Parks and Recreation, and the hamlets of Westhampton, Quiogue, Speonk/Remsenburg and Eastport.

We thank Councilman John Bouvier for his dedicated service to our community.



### RICK MARTEL

#### COUNCILPERSON

Councilman Rick Martel began his term on the Southampton Town Board in January of 2020 and in March, we got hit with a global pandemic. During COVID, Councilman Martel collaborated with various organizations in the community to ensure that food and medicine were readily available to those in need. When the pandemic brought an influx of visitors to our area and crowded our road end beaches, Councilman Martel worked with various Town departments to put parking restrictions in place in order to alleviate the impact on local residents.

Councilman Martel has continued the annual East End Cleanup and sponsored a number of pieces of legislation which have addressed quality of life issues in our community. Most recently, in response to an increase in solicitation activities on heavily trafficked roads, Councilman Martel sponsored legislation to prohibit peddling or solicitation within roadways.

Councilman Martel was liaison to Parks and Recreation, Youth Services, the Highway Department, and the Hampton Bays Water District, and the hamlets of Hampton Bays, Flanders/Riverside/Northampton, Sagaponack and Water Mill.

We thank Councilman Martel for his dedicated service to our community.





240 W. Montauk Highway, Hampton Bays

## Department of HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

### Housing & Community Development

In 2023, the Town purchased a former medical office building at 240 Montauk Highway in Hampton Bays. This facility is the new home for Housing and Community Services (HCS) as well as the Bay Constables and the Town Trustees. This central location will provide the community with easier access to these departments

In the past year (HCS) reached significant milestones in the creation of the Community Housing Fund (CHF). In collaboration with the CHF Advisory Board, appointed by the Town Board, a Community Housing Fund Project Plan was created. The Project Plan is to be considered by the Town Board at a public hearing at its last 2023 meeting in December.

### Senior Services

At the Hampton Bays Senior Center and the Flanders Community Center nearly 100 seniors attend their daily programs. Senior Services also provide a host of recreational educational program for the senior community and a very active and much needed Meals on Wheels Program.

### Youth Services

In 2023 the Southampton Youth Bureau has seen a substantial increase in youth utilizing all its programs. The Youth Bureau expanded its after school programs at the Flanders Community Center to 3 days a week as there is no other after school programming available in the Flanders, Riverside, and Northampton Community. The Youth Bureau hopes to expand the program to a five day a week program starting in September 2024.

### Advocate Services

In 2023, the Southampton Town Domestic Violence & Victim Advocacy Program has assisted hundreds of victims experiencing a wide range of issues from domestic violence to endangering the welfare of a child.



## Department of PARKS & RECREATION



Pavilion at Shinnecock Canal Maritime Park

Over the past several years, the Parks & Recreation Department has worked to meet the growing needs of our community by upgrading and maintaining our existing resources, while planning and building for the future.

Some highlights of these efforts include pavilion renovations at Ponquogue and Flying Point Beach, reopening of Hot Dog Beach, infrastructural improvements at the Shinnecock Commercial Fishing Dock, new bulkheading and new decking and pilings at Bishop's Marina, a new covered pavilion, ADA parking and sidewalks, lighting and a pergola at Shinnecock Canal Maritime Park, and a shade structure at Good Ground Park, installation of new comfort station, courts, and skate park at North Sea Community Park, of dirt roadway and parking lot at Iron Point Park, comfort station renovation, installation of new playground, fencing and ADA improvements at Ludlam Ave. Park, and new retaining walls, ADA walking path, and rain gardens at Emma Elliston Park.

The Town has installed eight permanent pickle ball courts, and has an additional ten new courts slated for completion in 2024.

This past summer, beaches were busy with over 45,000 parking permits sold. Our Town lifeguards kept our beaches safe again by rigorously training, keeping vigilant watch, deploying preventative lifeguarding tactics, and jumping into action when needed during a recorded 226 saves. The Parks Department is committed to providing the community with safe, well maintained modern recreational facilities as well as healthy and engaging recreational programs.



## Southampton Town POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Southampton Town Police Department (STPD) is committed to excellence, diversity, community engagement, and proactive crime prevention measures, earning recognition for exceeding standards in various areas of law enforcement.

The department welcomed five new officers to replace retiring officers, added two bilingual officers and increased the number of female and minority officers. The increased diversity within the department enhances the Department's community-based policing initiatives.



Two new female Police officers hired.  
Officer Ivana Hajok and Officer Maura Torres.

STPD has made significant changes in policy and practices to enhance its community centric policing efforts. As an example, the STPD introduced the Body Worn Camera program as part of its commitment to responsible police reform. Similarly, the STPD has begun an expansion and re-design of police headquarters to offer the community improved accessibility and a more "user friendly" experience when visiting with the department.

Over the past ten years, major crime statistics have been declining in Southampton to include a notable 2023 decrease in vehicle larcenies (43 to 28) compared to 2022. In 2023, there was a slight uptick major crime statistics (1%) due principally to the increase in reported sex crimes. This "increase" is, in large part, attributable to a trend of victims feeling more empowered to stand up for themselves and report the incidents demonstrating a growing confidence in the Southampton Town Police Department.

## Department of PUBLIC SAFETY & EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Now located at 27 Ponquogue Ave, in Hampton Bays, Public Safety plays an integral role in addressing code violations, fire prevention and fire safety, animal control as well as collaborating with the local police and county departments in Emergency Preparedness and Emergency Response.

Code Enforcement addressed more than 1,500 citizen complaints in 2022, and more than 1,700 through the end of November 2023. Earlier this year, The Town introduced year round six day week (Sunday through Friday) Code Enforcement services schedule. Saturday evenings are added during the summer season to better respond to issues occurring over the busier weekends.



27 Ponquogue Ave  
Hampton Bays

Training is critical for all of our public safety officers. This year it has been a particular focus for fire marshals whose role has become more complex and demanding. Their training included certifications in Case and Testimony Preparation, Electrical Fire Investigations, Emergency Preparedness, Fireworks training and other topics.

The Town Litter Crew (TLC) was introduced as part of Public Safety in 2020 to address the growing problem of PPE debris around town during the height of the COVID pandemic. The broader value of this service quickly became evident. In 2023 the Town Litter Crew, set a new collection record with more than 36,000 pounds of litter and debris collected from roadways, parks, beaches and other areas throughout the Town.

Best Wishes to All in the New Year!



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## Department of LAND MANAGEMENT

The functions of the Department of Land Management (DLM) include the divisions of Long Range and Current Planning, Buildings and Zoning, Economic Development, Environmental, and includes each of the Town appointed Boards (i.e. Planning, Zoning, Conservation, etc.)

In 2023, the DLM processed 1,874 environmental permits, 6,387 permits for renovations, accessory structures, solar panel installations, fences, and pools, etc., 3,187 permits for new construction, additions, and innovative and alternative septic systems.

A key function of the DLM is long range planning. Developing the form based code, various hamlet studies, revisions to the Comprehensive Plan and creation and revision of land use codes are all part of the long range planning process. The planning and development of a Sewer Treatment Plant (STP) in the Riverside hamlet serves as a good example of long range planning. The DLM is overseeing the planning and the engineering of this facility, working with Federal and State agencies to identify and secure funding for this nearly \$40 million project and facilitating CPF property acquisitions required for the STP infrastructure.

As integral as the DLM is to community development, it is equally as integral to many Town departments. When the Parks Department adds a recreational facility, when the Community Preservation Fund awards a residential water quality grant or makes water quality fund acquisitions, when the Engineering Department develops a solar array at a landfill, when the Highway Department wants to improve or expand its facilities, or when the Public Safety Department recommends the demolition of an abandoned and unsafe structure, the DLM is central to these departments, and others, in completing their mission to serve the community.

## COMMUNITY PRESERVATION FUND (CPF)

In 2023, the Community Preservation Fund purchased 20 properties, including the purchase of development rights on several other properties, totaling \$30,345,000. Another acquisition, scheduled for late December for \$3,500,000, will raise the total value of 2023 CPF acquisitions to \$338,450,000.

The Community Preservation Fund continues to acquire and protect historic sites throughout the Town. The recent completion of the Nathaniel Rogers House in Bridgehampton, now open to the public as a museum, and the Tiana Lifesaving Station in East Quogue, soon to open to the public as a destination site with unsurpassed ocean views, are two excellent examples of the contribution CPF makes to historic preservation of the storied past of our community.



Tiana Life Saving Station  
East Quogue

In addition to its preservation of open space and historic restoration, in 2017, CPF launched its water quality program designed to offset the impacts to ground and surface waters.

The CPF Water Quality Fund has assisted over 600 homeowners upgrade their septic systems in the amount of \$8.4 million in rebates. The Water Quality Fund has also subsidized larger water quality projects awarding funding to over 85 independent water quality improvement projects in the amount totaling \$45.5 million. These projects range from wastewater treatment, pollution prevention, aquatic habitat restoration and subsidizing some of the operations and project goals of the Peconic Estuary Program (PEP).