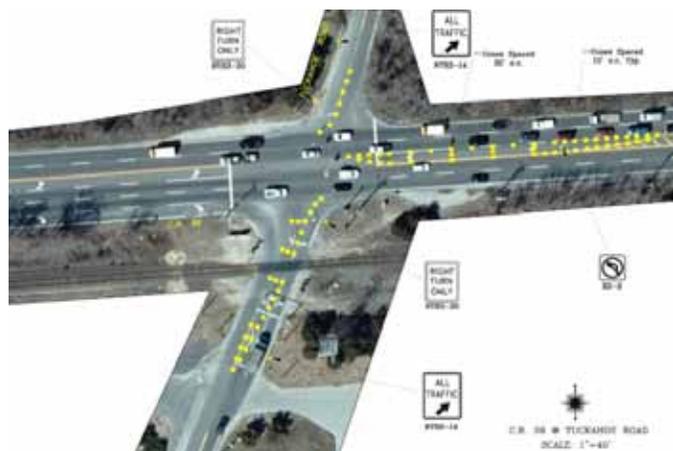




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FROM THE SUPERVISOR'S OFFICE

TOWN OF SOUTHAMPTON



GET TO WORK ON TIME

COUNTY ROAD 39 BLINKING LIGHT PILOT PROJECT

Test results should be ready soon from the blinking light project along County Road 39 at Tuckahoe Road. Engineers from the Suffolk County Department of Public Works are going through data collected during a traffic study conducted during the third week of April. The traffic light at Tuckahoe Road was turned to a blinking light for three hours during the morning commute for three days. Left turns were restricted at that intersection in an effort to keep traffic moving. The test project was designed to make the morning commute easier along that stretch from the end of Sunrise to the Magee Street traffic light. The test project will help the County decide whether this solution or others may provide more effective relief to traffic jams during the busy Spring trade parade season.

MARITIME PARK ALONG THE CANAL

Want to take a stroll along the Shinnecock Canal in Hampton Bays? Soon there may be easy access to do just that. Through a Suffolk County Community Development grant, the Town has proposed to clean-up a section along the canal near the Parks & Recreation Department building on Newtown Road. The proposal may make it easier to get to the Canal for any activity, whether to fish or take the family for a picnic. The proposal under consideration would include the removal of chain link fencing and clean-up, some landscaping, restroom facilities, park benches and picnic table. As part of this proposal, we are in discussions with the Clean Water Institute at Stony Brook University about piloting an innovative technology for removing nitrogen from wastewater at this facility at no cost to the Town. Our vision is to create a family-oriented destination along the beautiful Shinnecock Canal.



EMERGENCY REPAIR TO DUNE ROAD

Mother Nature took its toll on Dune Road this winter in an area where it's prone to flooding. Part of the protective dune was reduced to dangerous levels. As a result, the Town declared an emergency to build-up the dune to stop an overwash. Flooding is a frequent problem along this stretch of Dune Road throughout the year. Although this winter was mild by some standards, heavy winds and high tides caused a significant amount of local flooding and erosion. The Supervisor declared a limited state of emergency on February 11 to repair a 500 foot section of dune on Dune Road approximately 2.5 miles west of Ponquogue Bridge and 1,500 feet east of Triton Lane destroyed by an overwash. The area affected is prone to damage during winter storms, but this winter was especially brutal on our coastline.

The Supervisor continues to pursue grant funding opportunities for the elevation of Dune Road, a project that has been under development since 2009. The plan is to raise a section of Dune Road. Engineers have completed the design for the 5.1 mile project and the proper permits have been secured. Once completed the road will provide more reliable and safe access for all residents to the Town's beaches, local restaurants, the commercial fishing dock and other town recreational facilities and programs and hopefully, mitigate some flooding damage.



Warmest Regards,

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SHINNECOCK DOCK SECOND LARGEST FISHING FLEET IN NYS

The Shinnecock Commercial Fishing Dock at Shinnecock Inlet represents a significant connection to a traditional way of life. The challenges these small businesses face are no less daunting than those faced by family-owned farms, compounded by the rigors of a sometimes dangerous occupation. On average, 6.6 million pounds of fish are brought into Shinnecock Dock each year. It's a \$7 million fishing industry! More than 30 commercial fishing fleet vessels homeport at the inlet. Many more are transient. The dock, currently owned by Suffolk County, but managed and maintained by the Town of Southampton, is in need of repair and modernization. The Town of Southampton is working with Suffolk County, to take full operational control of the dock. "Modernization will help strengthen the economic viability of these important local, traditional small businesses," Supervisor Schneiderman said. Some of the proposed renovations would include improving the capacity of the dock to handle modern heavy vehicles needed to service the vessels, improving the lighting around the dock area, adding on site refrigeration capacity and improved equipment storage. We might also be able to make room to have a filet station and a visitor's center. We want to make the dock more family friendly and teach children about the history of our fishing industry.

These improvements, of course would take place over time. My office would be pursuing a federal grant through the U.S. Office of Economic Development.

MECOX BAY CUT

The controlled cut into Mecox Bay was opened twice this winter as part of a program directed by the Town Trustees. The first opening was quickly reclosed by Mother Nature prompting the second opening. The second project was completed prior to the piping plover season. The completion of this project will provide for the proper balance to ensure a healthy marine ecosystem in the bay.



PONQUOGUE BEACH PAVILLION UPGRADE

Ponquogue Beach in Hampton Bays is one of the most popular family beaches in Southampton Town and one of the most beautiful. "The Town is considering a modernized pavilion, improved restrooms, shower and changing facilities and an ocean view restaurant, replacing the current snack bar, that could serve a host of functions." said Supervisor Schneiderman.

Preliminary meetings have taken place with Parks Department staff who manage and maintain the beach facility as well with Town planning staff to discuss these possibilities. The Town Board has also discussed a feasibility and concept design study that will require a number of community charettes to gather input from the Hampton Bays Community about improvements they would like included in the concept plans. "It will be a lengthy process requiring careful planning and community consideration. The result may be an asset for the Hampton Bays community that will complement the great projects already underway in Hampton Bays," said Supervisor Schneiderman.

GOOD GROUND PARK WORK UNDERWAY, MAY OPEN THIS FALL

WORK BEGAN IN JANUARY TO BUILD A NEW PARK IN HAMPTON BAYS

Work is well underway to create the Town of Southampton's newest park. The Town planners took their progress report to a joint meeting of the civic groups in Hampton Bays last month to address plans and to update the community on the progress of construction to date. At the moment, the park is an active construction site and not open to the public. It is anticipated that Phase I of the projects which includes the access road, the amphitheater, about 50% of the park lighting within the park proper as well as a number of park benches and seating areas. If all goes according to plan, a grand opening for the park could occur late this Fall.



HONORING EMPLOYEES

Southampton Town is blessed with many hardworking and dedicated employees. We are particularly proud of our employees who have devoted more than 30 years of service to the community. Over the past few months and in the months ahead a number of those employees have or will be retiring. Although we don't want to lose valued and experienced employees, I want to take this opportunity to thank them for their service and to wish them all the best in their retirement. Retirees include: Robert Pearce, 35 years (Police Department), Gordon Farlow, 39 years. (Highway), and Donald Murphy, 31 years (Highway). Also among our retirees are Chris Bean, (Parks & Recreation), Thomas Schmidt Jr (Police Department), Diane Fisher (Trustees) and Mary Ellen Renkens (Senior Services). Congratulations to each of them.