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Electric bus mandate would cost \$20B

First initiative to begin in 2027 with purchase of new buses

BY SAM DESMOND

Local state senators Alexis Weik (R-8th District) and Dean Murray (R-3rd District), along with 13 other senators, submitted a letter to Gov. Kathy Hochul urging her to rescind the electric bus mandate or alternatively commit to fully funding the conversion in the Executive Budget that is currently undergoing the confirmation process.

The first mandate deadline of 2027

was characterized by the undersigned senators as "bearing down on school districts and taxpayers alike" and stated, "the time is now to recognize the overwhelming fiscal demand this mandate presents."

Beginning in 2027, the mandate, part of the climate initiative of the executive branch of the state, will require all newly purchased school buses to be zero emissions.

A new full-sized electric bus costs \$400,000 to \$450,000, which is triple the cost of the current price of a bus, which is approximately \$130,000.

"There is also the additional cost of necessary infrastructure upgrades,

including installation of charging stations, electrical improvements, maintenance, and building renovation," said the senators in their letter.

"I recognize school districts and taxpayers cannot meet this mandate, and certainly could never meet it without piercing the tax cap or significant cuts in educational services. The impact from this mandate will completely bury school districts and taxpayers," said Weik.

Murray, who when asked for a statement, said he had literally just finished speaking with a superintendent in his district about the financial impact the mandate would have on their budget,

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Teacher sues school district over denial of display of Pride flag

Sixteen claims in suit for sex discrimination, hostile work environment

BY SAM DESMOND

On Tuesday, Jan. 23, Christopher Dolce, a math teacher since 2001 at Connetquot High School, after receiving a "right to sue" issuance from the Equal Employment Opportunity Office, filed a lawsuit with the Supreme Court of the State of New York against the Connetquot School District through Smithtown attorney, Andrew Lieb of Lieb at Law, P.C., with 16 claims of hostile environment discrimination, circulating discriminatory statements, retaliation, aiding and abetting discrimination, discrimination, publishing discriminatory notes, sex-based harassment in education, retaliation for opposing harassment in education, first amendment free speech viewpoint discrimination, among other violations over the defendants' implementation of a policy to remove both the Progressive Pride flag and Pride flags on school property.

Lieb has other clients, namely fellow teachers, who are also planning on suing the school district once they receive their clearance from the EEOC. Notices of claim were sent as soon as the first incident took place when fellow math teacher, Sarah Ecke, who is the student advisor for the Gay Straight Alliance, was asked to take down a Progressive Pride flag in September of 2022 and told that if she did not, she would also have to take down the Pride flag.

"Historically, not just in this district, but in most schools, teachers have the latitude to decorate their walls and their doors to personalize," said Lieb.

The precedent for this is a "limited public forum," where teachers have been allowed by government to practice personalization.

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Parade leader celebrated by community

Chamber's grand marshal has long civic history

BY SAM DESMOND

On Friday, Jan. 26, the Bayport-Blue Point Chamber of Commerce honored Ronnie Devine Jr. at the Mansion in West Sayville.

Abundant with shades of green, the evening was attended by civic members, elected officials, and all varieties of well-wishers to the 2024 St. Patrick's Parade grand marshal.

Devine Jr., who currently serves on the board of the chamber, is also president of the Bayport-Blue Point Library board.

"Ronnie has been such an important part of everything Bayport-Blue Point! He has done tremendous work improving our community, with every organization that is lucky enough to have him, not only for our chamber but for the Bayport-Blue Point Public Library as well as so many others," said the chamber.

For the past seven years, Devine has served as the president of the Board of Trustees of the Bayport-Blue Point Public Library and as a board member for over 10 years.

During his tenure, the library embarked on a plan to acquire and redevelop the local convent owned by the Ursuline Sisters of Tildonk in Blue Point.

In a special election in December of



Photo by Bryn Elliott

2019, community residents voted overwhelmingly (68 percent approval) to convert the former convent into the new library.

"Today, our beautifully designed new home situated on over eight pastoral acres has been overwhelmingly acclaimed, with expanding programs and services serving the needs of our patrons. We are now referred to as a

world class regional community library. I was very proud and honored for the opportunity to shepherd this venture from the beginning to today's modern library," said Devine.

In his professional career, for more than 20 years, Devine has served as a state-certified assessor advanced for

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Women and Children’s Center completed at South Shore University Hospital

South Shore University Hospital (SSUH) today announced the completion of its \$71 million, 45,560-square-foot, two-story Women and Children’s Center. The hospital-within-a-hospital includes a new labor and delivery suite, private postpartum suites, an all-private neonatal intensive care unit (NICU), a post-anesthesia recovery unit (PACU), two new operating rooms, and obstetrical-triage beds.

“This new facility not only represents a commitment to providing exceptional care for mothers and newborns but also signify a dedication to fostering a nurturing environment where the journey into parenthood is supported with compassion and cutting-edge medical expertise,” said Irene Macyk, Ph.D., R.N., executive director of South Shore University Hospital. “The commitment Northwell Health has made to the people of Suffolk County is incredible and we know you will find our hospital to be a wonderful place to have a baby and receive superior care for both mother and child.”

The 29 postpartum suites, housed in the James and Gina Nazzaro Maternity Unit, feature private bathrooms and closets, LCD flat-screen televisions as well as recliners and sofas that convert to pull-out beds. The four new triage beds will be staffed 24/7 by an obstetrician and registered nurses. The state-of-the-art NICU is a 6,300-square-foot space dedicated to treating the most critically ill and premature babies.

“For many years the doctors and nurses at South Shore University Hospital



Photo courtesy of South Shore Community Hospital

have provided high quality care for women having a baby,” said Peter Finamore, MD, chair of obstetrics and gynecology at SSUH. “We are incredibly excited to now be able to provide that same expert service in our newly renovated center with state-of-the-art birthing suites, and beautiful postpartum rooms in a facility that mirrors the quality of care we deliver.”

The unit currently has 11 rooms and will eventually grow to 16 rooms. Each room has a pull-out bed for parents and features the highest-level medical equipment available for newborns and room service is available on the mother-baby unit. Mothers can order the food of their

choice from a menu like a 5-star restaurant at a time that is suitable for them.

“The new NICU provides high quality care with state-of-the-art technology while offering privacy and a space for each family to foster bonding,” said Scarlett McKinsey, M.D., chair of pediatrics at SSUH. “It is a very calm and caring environment close to home for our community.”

SSUH also opened two state-of-the-art operating rooms dedicated to women’s health procedures, including a new da Vinci surgical system to perform minimally invasive, robotic- assisted gynecology.

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Hazmat crew dispatched to residential oil spill in Oakdale

Over 100 gallons of fuel oil cleaned up

BY SAM DESMOND

On Monday, Jan. 22, approximately 140 gallons of No. 2 fuel oil was released to a crawl space beneath a residence in the Lincoln Drive area of Oakdale.

On Thursday, Jan. 25 at approximately 3 p.m., residents on Ludlow and Lincoln Drive in the Idle Hour area of Oakdale reported and posted photos of Department of Environmental Conservation and hazmat trucks on-site that were still working to contain an oil spill from a residential home at 10 p.m. that evening.

The following afternoon, residents reported water trucks pumping nearby storm drains.

"The NYS DEC is the lead agency on the scene. The Town of Islip DPW and hazmat teams, along with the town's OEM, have been providing support during the cleanup phase," the Town of Islip said.

The DEC Spill Response said in a statement that their experts "continue to oversee and direct the cleanup to ensure it is protective of public health and the environment."

The DEC received a report on Jan. 25 indicating that oil was observed in Byron Lake in Oakdale. The No. 2 fuel oil had mixed with the shallow groundwater inside the crawl space of the house.

"No oil had been discharged to the environment. DEC responded to the residence on Jan. 24, directed the homeowner to perform a cleanup, and to immediately stop using the sump pump located in the crawl space. The cleanup was scheduled for Jan. 26," said a spokesperson for the DEC.

The cause of the release was determined to be from the home on Lincoln Drive. The spilled fuel oil was pumped from the crawl space to the street by a sump pump and then entered a storm



ABOVE: Residents in the Idle Hour area of Oakdale were alarmed to see hazmat crews on their street. Photo courtesy of Jennifer Briscoe

AT RIGHT: The DEC mitigated the additional spillage of oil into storm drains with oil absorbents around openings.

Photo courtesy of Christine Randberg-Drago

drain. The storm drain system discharged the fuel oil to the surface water, resulting in impacts to Byron Lake.

Under DEC direction, the homeowner hired a contractor, who began remediating contamination at the home as well as in impacted waterbodies with vacuum trucks.

On Friday, Jan. 26, town of Islip hazmat utilized a drone to search a portion of the Great South Bay near Ludlow Creek. The flight showed a light, blue sheen at one point during the day. The sheen was not recoverable and dissipated naturally.

DEC confirmed that no floating oil entered the bay.

On Saturday, Jan. 27, DEC directed the environmental contractor to change out spent oil absorbents and vacuum any floating oil. Throughout the weekend, oil absorbent boom and pads were placed at multiple locations in the storm drain system and a nearby stream to contain the fuel oil spill.

"Small areas of oil in the stream were addressed with oil absorbents. The absorbents will continue to be monitored and maintained. The drainage and streams are now free of oil odors," said a spokesperson for the DEC.

An environmental contractor will continue cleanup of the Lincoln Drive property under DEC direction.

Remediation will include excavation of contaminated soil, and recovery of floating oil from the groundwater table and crawl space. An old unused 550-gallon underground storage tank discovered during the cleanup was removed on Monday, Jan. 29. ■



PRIDE FLAG: Board members, superintendent named as defendants

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"As the advisor for the Gay Straight Alliance and in the classroom where the club held meetings, when Sarah Ecke was asked to take down the Progressive Pride flag, and ultimately the Pride flag, it would have been like asking the French teacher to take down the French flag," said Lieb.

"This case is about viewpoint discrimination from the school district," said Lieb. "The school district is selective of what can't be said."

Specifically, the lawsuit alleges the school district and school board members were discriminatory in enforcing a policy of only U.S. or New York State flags by only limiting the display of LGBTQIA+ flags.

Lieb said that not only were Pride flags banned, but Pride and safe-space stickers displayed by students were also subject to the policy that he characterized as a "quasi 'don't say gay'" policy.

The defendants specifically named in the lawsuit are the Connetquot Central School District, Connetquot Board of Education, former superintendent Lynnda G. Adams, assistant superintendent Reza Kolahifar, board member Jaclyn Napolitano-Furno, former board mem-



ber Lee Kennedy, and principal Michael Moran.

Following the initial incident with Ecke in September 2022, hundreds of protestors came to a school board meeting to voice their support of LGBTQIA+ displays in the classroom.

The lawsuit details Kohaifar's subsequent email sent in October 2022, where the district stated they had a policy against "active political practices," including "flags denoting political views." This email set forth the official policy that "the only flags that should be hung in a classroom or office are the American flag and the NYS flag."

Former superintendent Adams then sent an email that cited an unspecified teacher and classroom as the source of the ostensibly new flag policy because of "continued refusal" of this teacher to remove the Progressive Pride flag and stated that the teacher was offered to keep the traditional Pride flag.

Court documents refute the claim in Adams's email as it is alleged that Ecke was given a "Hobson's Choice," wherein following an unannounced inspection of her classroom by board of education members, she was told that if she did not remove the Progressive Pride flag, she would also have to take down the traditional Pride flag.

On Oct. 15, Dolce, who is an openly gay man, found Pride flag stickers on his door replaced with stickers depicting the American flag and reported the incident

to principal Michael Moran, who after suspending the student deemed responsible for targeting Dolce and other staff who are members of the LGBTQIA+ community, circulated an email that said flag stickers were prohibited and mandated they be removed from all doors and windows in classrooms and offices.

In the history detailed in Section 80 of the lawsuit, defendants are said to have "strictly enforced their Removal Policies with respect to LGBTQ+ related symbols," but did not similarly restrict other categories of speech, including the high school parking lot that displayed a Blue Lives Matters flag, a Mexican flag, a 1776 American flag, and a neo-Nazi/neo-Confederate flag.

The lawsuit alleges that these painted depictions of various flags were not only permitted, but "even encouraged."

The Suffolk County Police Department was contacted to investigate graffiti on school property of anti-LGBTQIA+ expletives in February and March of 2023.

Defendants were said to "fail" and "refuse" to take remedial action against the perpetrators of the anti-LGBTQIA+ graffiti. ■

BUS MANDATE: Senators challenge governor

FROM PAGE 1

said, “I have not spoken to a single school official that thinks this is a realistic idea. This is another example of an idea with a good intention that is simply not practical. The cost alone makes it unreasonable.”

With the FY 2025 budget proposal that cutting funding to schools across Long Island by over \$75 million, Murray said, “How are we supposed to be able to pay for buses that cost roughly double what their existing buses cost?”

In addition to the costs, the senators also questioned the availability of infrastructure and performance of the vehicles.

“The performance of the electric buses simply can’t hold up to the demand. When temperatures drop below zero, those batteries drain very quickly and they simply won’t have the power necessary to get the job done safely. Finally, the sheer weight of the electric buses will wreak havoc on the infrastructure,” said Murray.

“Rather than setting unrealistic deadlines designed to grab headlines... we should set reasonable expectations and plan accordingly. At the very least, perhaps the state should pay for each district to test run one electric bus for the entire school year to evaluate performance, cost, reliability, etc., before we ask anyone to make such a drastic investment,” said Murray.

With 45,000 school buses in the state, full conversion by 2035 would cost approximately \$20 billion.

“The cost is over and above what school districts already pay for replacement buses, [which] is projected at between \$8 billion and \$15 billion statewide. These totals don’t even include the required infrastructure upgrades, including installation of charging stations, electrical improvements, bus garage renovations and so on. Without question, the \$100 million in grants the state just made available for electric school bus purchases won’t be nearly enough. That amount is enough to fund about 250 buses statewide. With over 800 school districts statewide, that isn’t even one bus per district. Even the additional \$400 million to be allocated in future rounds won’t make a dent in the cost of conversion,” said Weik.

State Sen. Monica Martinez (D-4th District) was not one of the undersigned senators in the letter urging rescindment from the governor.

She characterized transitioning to zero-emission school buses as a “laudable mission that will protect both the health of New Yorkers and our environment,” but said she was “conscious that striking a balance between policy goals and practical implementation is key. Achieving this target will depend on the technology meeting the expectations placed upon it



As part of the governor’s climate change measures, all school buses in the state will have to be electric by 2035. Stock image

and ensuring there is the necessary support for its successful fulfillment.”

Martinez said that she would be open to sitting down with stakeholders “if the parameters of this change are too ambitious for the timeline set by lawmakers in 2022... and if merited, translating those concerns into policy.”

She pledged to navigate this transition with “pragmatism, avoiding obstruction for the sake of it, to ensure we realize the vital environmental and health benefits this goal seeks to achieve without succumbing to pessimism.”

Superintendent Dr. Timothy Hearney of Bayport-Blue Point School District said, “There are a multitude of factors to consider regarding this potential mandate and the impact it will have on area school districts, included but not limited to the financial implications, technological resource availability, and transition feasibility for deploying a full fleet of electric school buses.”

Hearney called it “premature” to project the impact, but said the district was “closely monitoring... with our local elected officials and transportation providers. While we do support efforts toward creating greener operations, simply said, more information and collaborative discussion is needed to consider all aspects of such a widespread state proposal.”

Connetquot School District superintendent Dr. Joseph Centamore said, “Connetquot has over 120 buses, so this mandate from the state would cost the district tens of millions of dollars in purchases and infrastructure work. It is doubtful that the island’s energy grid could support it, and there are many safety component questions that the state still needs to address. The current transition timeline is not realistic and requires significant adjustment.”

Sayville School District is served by Suffolk Transportation Services, who did not respond by time of print. ■

Budget cuts from state will ‘dramatically impact’ education

Superintendents discuss budget gaps from governor’s proposal

BY SAM DESMOND

While elected officials from *The Suffolk County News’s* coverage area have expressed their deep concern and advocacy for our public schools, the cut in

state funding to school districts on Long Island will prove to be a major issue as the New York State Senate and Assembly work in the coming weeks to finalize the FY 2025 budget.

We spoke with our coverage area’s

superintendents on how they plan to address the state funding gap in the 2024-2025 school district, should the governor’s proposed budget be approved in its current state:



Dr. Timothy Hearney, Bayport-Blue Point
Budget decrease proposal:
3.6 percent, \$576,508

“As you know, the budget process is in the early stages of development, and the state aid funding allocations, specifically foundation aid, has not yet been finalized. However, be assured, that our district continues to monitor this matter very closely. We have and will continue to work with our elected officials to lobby for the restoration of the “Save Harmless” provision that is tied to increases in foundation aid. We are hopeful that the state will reinstate this provision along with Consumer Price Index (CPI) as the Inflation Adjustment factor for all school districts. While we await a finalized state budget, the district is working to develop contingency plans for the coming school year.”



Dr. Marc Ferris, Sayville
Budget decrease proposal:
16.86 percent, \$3,401,383

“The Sayville Public School District is a high-performing district, providing a wide range of academic and extracurricular opportunities for all students. We pass responsible budgets each year and maintain healthy financial reserves aligned with comptroller recommendations. The proposed \$3.4 million cut to our Foundation Aid will dramatically impact the education of our children across all grade levels. We respectfully demand that the governor restore funding to our school and all New York State schools by adhering to the Save Harmless policy that has been in place in New York State for decades.”



Dr. Joseph Centamore, Connetquot
Budget decrease proposal:
.21 percent, \$107,000:

“The district is working with our locally elected representatives on advocating for fair state aid increases.”

GRAND MARSHAL: Ronnie Devine honored during annual dinner

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both the towns of Islip and Brookhaven, the two largest town assessing jurisdictions in New York State.

Retiring as assessor emeritus, Devine continues in a consulting and management level for both townships, as well as additional municipalities and private-sector clients.

For the past decade, Devine has served as the president of the Suffolk County Assessor’s Association.

“When not devoting my time to our

library, I also serve our Bayport-Blue Point community and Islip Town in various positions of leadership,” said Devine, whose expansive list of volunteer endeavors. “It is an honor and privilege to have been selected by our chamber to be the grand marshal of the 2024 St. Patrick’s parade,” said Devine. “Our parade is one of the largest on Long Island. It is one of the events that shows what a great community we have in Bayport and Blue Point.”

Connie Haab, 2023’s grand marshal, said, “Ronnie has given so much of his time and effort volunteering for the betterment of the community as well as the residents in his many years of public service. I am sure he will continue to serve in this role as grand marshal.”

Town of Islip councilman John Lorenzo (R-4th District) said that the St. Patrick’s Day Parade was a celebration that “captures the essence of the Bayport-Blue Point community,” and that Devine had

“made significant contributions” with the recognition “truly well-deserved.”

“We eagerly await his leadership and are excited for him to lead the parade,” said Lorenzo.

Town of Brookhaven councilman Neil Foley (R-5th District) said, “Ronnie embodies all the passion and dedication that has made this community the dedicated force that it is. His appointment as grand marshal is the capstone of a lifetime in service to others.” ■



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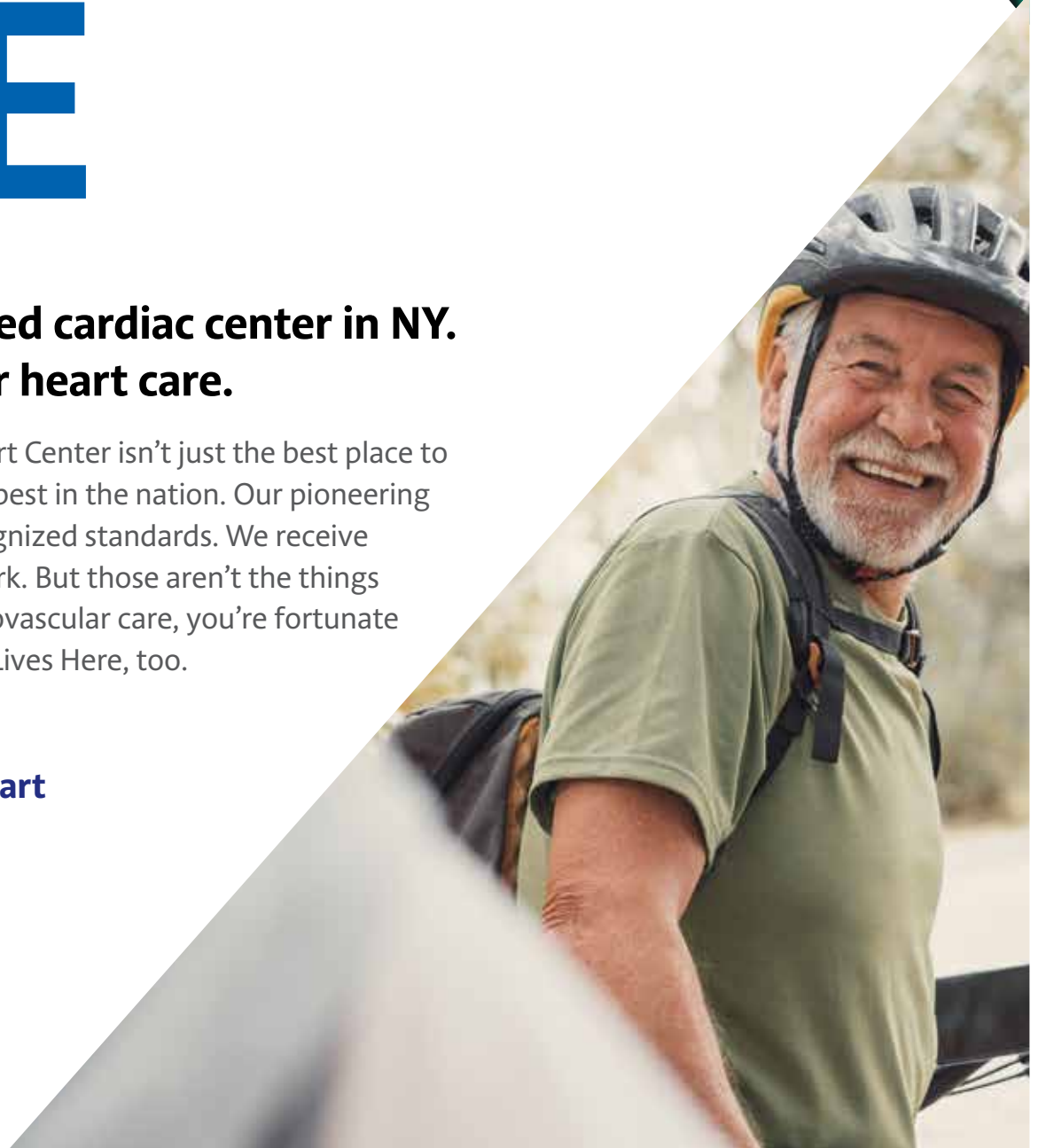
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Renewing a friendship

Blue Point Brewery, its first sponsor, hosts Save the Great South Bay Patchogue kick-off

BY SAVE THE GREAT SOUTH BAY

Jason Borowski’s aim was true. Save the Great South Bay’s (SGSB) Blue Point Creek Defender—also the president and founder of the Blue Point Civic—spoke first when 30 of SGSB’s volunteers and leaders were asked what our dream and goal should be. The group gathered in an office in the basement of Blue Point Brewery as part of a pre-party onboarding.

The onboarding was like a strategic locker-room talk; upstairs at the Brewery, over 100 guests were waiting at the social SGSB organized to kick off its spring cleanups. We were getting psyched talking strategy before coming out of the tunnel for the big game. Borowski said our goal as Defenders and SGSB should be to make ourselves obsolete. Borowski’s statement was met with silence... and vigorous nods from every corner of the room.

Here’s what that silence meant. Nothing matters but saving the bay. Once we save it, the organization can fold. Then we can all go home.

Another consensus point of the onboarding meeting is that the hope that pervades SGSB will continue to turn the tide our way. Thousands of people have participated in our cleanups since we started running them in 2017, three years after the organization was founded. Those volunteers are awakening our environmental consciousness. From it, we are finding the political will it takes to save the Great South Bay.

Save the Great South Bay kicked off their spring cleanups in a poetic fashion: last Thursday, we threw a party where it all started 12 years ago, at Blue Point Brewery. After hatching the organization at a Sayville H.S. reunion, Blue Point Brewery was the very first sponsor of Save the Great South Bay. Rallying at our old stomping grounds made sense. And the brewery’s new, much larger location was perfectly suited to SGSB, an organization that grew with the brewery.

Now we have a Defender in just about every town on the South Shore, a lead steward who accepts the responsibility for organizing cleanups in their community. Dates for nearly all of Save the Great South Bay’s cleanups were released.

Communities and cleanup dates include Amityville (May 18), Babylon (March 30), Bayport (April 13), Bay Shore



Environmentalists celebrate at Blue Point Brewery.

Courtesy photo

(April 13) Blue Point (April 7), Brookhaven (April 20), Copiague, East Patchogue (April 27), Great River, Islip (April 6), Lindenhurst (April 21), Massapequa (March 23), Oakdale (north, especially Connetquot River and State Park), Oakdale (South) (May 11), Patchogue (April 20), Sayville (May 4), West Babylon and West Islip (March 23). All told, we have 23 Creek Defenders. Nine are new and we serve five new communities.

East Islip is the last South Shore community in need of a Creek Defender. Do you live in East Islip or Islip Terrace? Do you want to join an enthusiastic, committed, and warm group of people to save the bay? If so, email (jjjbertsch@hotmail.com), text or call (516.987.6453) Dr. James Bertsch.

Partygoers had a great time. Volunteers signed up for cleanups. Some purchased awesome SGSB shark T-shirts. Still others gathered to see Girl Scout Avery Lazarus, a Gold Award recipient (equivalent to an Eagle Scout), honored with Save the Great South Bay’s inaugural Scout Badge. Avery built a native garden at Lincoln Avenue Elementary School (Sayville) with the help of her mom, her troop, and teacher, Janet Closs. Congratulations again, Avery! You’ve made your whole community proud!

Save the Great South Bay honored others, like Avery, who are pushing our community in a green direction. Here are some of the honorees:

Rob Vasiluth of Save Environmen-

tal, who patented a machine and a new method to plant eelgrass. Eelgrass is the nutrient source of all sea life and sequesters four times more carbon than trees. It saves the bay and planet! After decades of trying, other means of growing eelgrass have not succeeded. Vasiluth’s method will one day be the only way eelgrass is grown. This spring, Save Environmental, Save the Great South Bay and the Dive Club will conduct the largest harvest of eelgrass seeds in New York State history. We will begin growing eelgrass at scale in the Great South Bay. If you have a wetsuit, are comfortable walking in chest-high water and are free Father’s Day weekend, email us at eelgrassharvest@gmail.com. You can help us harvest!

Save the Great South Bay reminded people that our South Shore Bay Unified Water Study is underway. The goal is to create a dynamic, easy-to-read map—a report card of sorts—that illustrates the water quality of the many monitoring stations on the Great South Bay. We all know the bay is in bad shape. But because all the different municipalities use different systems to identify problems, we need to bring it all together. Only when we have a shared understanding of bay pollution will we develop the consensus we need to squarely solve the problem.

Drew Baldwin, past president of Sayville Rotary, worked with Bob Draffin and other Rotarians and Sayville Yacht

Club members to run an oyster nursery last summer. The group is running the nursery again this summer. Yacht Club leaders interested in starting nurseries (to raise bouncing baby oysters) at their clubs can email us at info@savethegreat-southbay.org for more information. You can hear Baldwin speak as part of our March 1st panel on oyster sanctuaries.

Patchogue Village resident and the *LI Advance’s* Inspiration Award recipient, Don Wachsmuth, who, along with his dog, Jake, has been cleaning up debris for 16 years. Why? They’re encouraging others to pick up after themselves. Hats off to Wachsmuth and Jake for being an example... for 16 years!

Patchogue Village trustee Joseph Keyes, who, along with the village’s mayor (Paul Pontieri) and trustees, constructed the Great South Bay’s first living shoreline. Such shorelines grow taller; they’re constructed with engineered and organic materials (trees, shrubs, plants) to protect homes from the rising sea tides and flooding that are all too common these days. Patchogue Village is our inspiration!

Keyes and Kaetlyn Jackson co-chair Protecting the Environment in Patchogue (PEP) committee. They’re a volunteer group that’s been working for the village since 2015 to advocate for the environment. PEP continues to push the village in a green direction.

Steve Kuhn, the developer of Clam Power. Kuhn wrote “Hard Work: My Life as a Clammer on the Great South Bay,” Kuhn, Steve: 9798623397591: Amazon.com: Books. He is 75 years old and has been clamming on the Great South Bay for 57 years. The bay hasn’t quit on Kuhn. Kuhn isn’t quitting on the bay. Kuhn is also our inspiration!

Each honoree—Vasiluth, Baldwin, Draffin, Borowski, Wachsmuth and Jake, Keyes, Jackson and Kuhn—has an important purpose. Each induces hope, a powerful elixir.

In fact, the collective inspiration of each honoree conjures up John Hopkins professor Curt Richter’s hope experiment. When wild mice were set in a pool, they only swam for five to 10 minutes before despair overtook them and they sank. Yet when they were lifted out of the water, dried off and given a chance to rest, how long did you think they could swim? It wasn’t a few minutes more. It wasn’t even an hour. They swam for 60 hours!

There’s a lesson to be had here. With hope on our side, all we need to do is jump in and keep on paddling. And if we keep on paddling... and paddling and paddling... and paddling and paddling... eventually, we’ll reach the other side. The bay will be saved, and we won’t need Save the Great South Bay. Instead, our kids and grandkids will swim, boat, and clam in pristine waters. Just like we did as kids.■



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Friday, February 2

Groundhog Day – Are we in for an early spring or will winter continue for another six weeks?

Artist Reception – Meet the artists of BAF-FA Art Gallery's "Reflections: A BAFFA Member Group Show," an exhibit of mixed media works, at the Gillette House, Sayville, 7-9 p.m. The exhibit will be on display Saturdays and Sundays in February, 1-4 p.m.

Saturday, February 3

Defensive Driving – Suffolk Safety class at Sayville Library, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. will give participants a discount on auto insurance. Fee: \$35 due the day of the class in cash or by money order payable to Suffolk Safety Program. Register online or call 631-589-4440.

Sunday, February 4

Flap Jack Fundraiser – Support events for the Cherry Ave 5th Grade while enjoying a hot, cooked breakfast at Applebee's, 3870 Vets Hwy., Bohemia, 8-10 a.m. Tickets are: \$15, adults; \$10 – Children, 12 and under. Call 631-327-1272 or email tatum.brauer@gmail.com.

Monday, February 5

3D Super Bowl Memorabilia – Get ready for gameday with a custom-made, 3D printed Super Bowl ring and Lombardi trophy using Sayville Library's TinkerCAD and new 3D printer, 6:30-8 p.m. Register online or call 631-589-4440.

Tuesday, February 6

Cooking Demo – Join Chef Rob Scott at Sayville Library to learn how to make Winter Minestrone and Sweet Chocolate Chip Mug Cake, 6:30-8 p.m. Fee: \$7 payable by check, money order or credit card. Register online or call 631-589-4440.

Wednesday, February 7

Lil' Athletes – Program at Sayville Library for ages 3-5 with caregiver will teach children the fundamentals of baseball and soccer combo class, 4:30-5:15 p.m. Register online or call 631-589-4440.

Of Note ...

Food Pantry – The Chestene M. Coverdale Food Pantry at the Gillette House in Sayville is open Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, from 9:30 a.m. to noon for anyone in need. Call 631-244-8375.

Buy A Brick – Engraved paving stones for the walkways within Sayville's The Common Ground are still available. Stones may be personalized with up to 3 lines at a cost of \$70. To find out more and to purchase a brick, visit www.thecommonground.com.

County Career & Talent Portal – As part of the Suffolk County NY Forward strategy, the portal is a one-stop employment shop offering job search and talent recruitment to power local businesses. Visit <https://scnyforward.info/>.

Sayville American Legion – Post 651, 23 Foster Ave., Sayville, holds general meetings

on the second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. A pancake breakfast is held the first Sunday of each month, 8:30-11:30 a.m. Cost: \$6. Call 631-750-2572.

Veterans Memorial – The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund is working to locate photos of all soldiers listed on the Vietnam Memorial Wall in Washington, D.C. More information can be found at www.vvmf.org/wall-of-faces.

Start a Book Club – Find a meeting place and gather your group. The Connetquot Library will provide district cardholders with 10 books and a sheet of discussion questions. For program information, go to www.connetquotlibrary.org or visit the Adult Reference desk.

Puppy Raisers Needed – Canine Companions for Independence trains assistance dogs for people with disabilities. Volunteers are needed to mold pups into responsive adult dogs. For more information, call 631-561-0217 or visit www.cci.org.

Extreme Weather Safety – Be prepared for extreme weather. Save PSEG's 24-hour electric service number: 1-800-490-0075; follow PSEG Long Island on Facebook and Twitter for updates before and after storms; and make sure everyone in the family knows what to do in the case of an emergency. Visit www.psegliny.com/page.cfm/Home/Safety for video tips from YouTube, Sesame Street and more.

Art Classes – Mini Monet Art Studio of Sayville offers a variety of classes for all ages and abilities, from children's cartooning, mixed

media, and dollhouse design to adult/teen craft nights. Call 631-218-9797 or visit www.minimonetsayville.com.

Help Against Domestic Violence – Is a loved one attacking you physically, verbally or emotionally? Contact the L.I. Against Domestic Violence 24-hour hotline: 631-666-8833. Tell them, they'll listen. For more information, visit www.liadv.org.

Women Who Love to Sing – The Heart of Long Island Chorus, a chapter of Sweet Adelines International, is extending an invitation for all women who love to sing to fall in love with BARBERSHOP. This fun-loving, friendly group of women meet to rehearse on Mondays in Bohemia at 7 p.m. Don't worry if you don't know how to sing Barbershop, they'll be HAPPY to teach you. Bring your love of singing and your desire to learn a new, different, interesting and exciting musical genre. As an added bonus, you'll make wonderful new friends. Find Heart of Long Island Chorus on Facebook and Instagram, or email heartoflongislandchorus@gmail.com.

Overeaters Anonymous – OA is a 12-step program for people with eating disorders. The group meets online Tuesdays, 10-11 a.m. To connect via telephone, dial 1-142-436-6326. Access code: 151-642#. FreeConferenceCall.com. For more information, visit www.oa.org.

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SUFFOLK COUNTY NEWS YEARS AGO

70 Years Ago

FEBRUARY 1954

Bill Thieben, the former Sayville High School star who is setting the basketball world afire with the Hofstra College quintet this season, appears destined for an All-American berth before he ends his college career in 1956. He is the nation's leading rebounder in small college circles and ranks 18th in the country in scoring.

Charles S. Hunt Jr. of Candee Avenue, Sayville, is now associated as a special representative of the Equitable Life Assurance Society's field force in Huntington.

Cutler Silliman of Candee Avenue, Sayville, completed all the requirements for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy at Eastman School of Music of the University of Rochester.

Patricia Rafferty entertained at her home on Greene Avenue, Sayville, after a skating party at Hildreth Pond in Blue Point. Her guests were **Alice Read, Frances Duffy, Marcia and Mimi Yax, Sue Atwater, Ann Biggers, Jon Tenhooper, James Ostermann, Jerry Corrado, David McMahon and Donald Duffy.**

The Oakdale Civic Association held a dinner meeting at the Snapper Inn with **Bryan Borst, William Gertzen, William Bachman, Roscoe Lotz, Charles Jericho, Arthur Premm and Francis Van Emmerick** in attendance.

The *Saturday Evening Post* featured a photograph of Bayport resident **Linette Peter**, who is a student at Radcliffe College in Cambridge, Mass. The accompanying article was about Harvard's opening of its classrooms to Radcliffe women.

Arthur W. Stuart of Kensington Avenue, Bayport, was awarded the Stuart Sailfish Club Release Button in honor of sportsmanship in releasing a sailfish taken while fishing in the Gulf Stream off the St. Lucie Inlet, Stuart, Fla.

Mrs. Charles Alexander of Shore Drive, Oakdale, entertained at her home at a card party for the benefit of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

Ronald Dykstra of Featherbed Lane, Oakdale, was one of the featured soloists at a musical program by the Heimberger Music Center of East Islip for the patients of the Central Islip Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Roy of Tower Mews, Oakdale, and **Mrs. Byron T. Borst** of Shore Drive, and **Mr. and Mrs. George Magrath** of Connetquot Drive, attended the Boy Scout Fellowship Dinner held at Friede's in Smithtown.

Fred Hammond of Connetquot Drive, Oakdale, and **Ms. Vera Fisher**, of Hempstead, attended a performance of "The Caine Mutiny" in New York City.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kruta, Mrs. Louis Tmay, and Mrs. Joseph Kozelouzek, all of Bohemia, enjoyed a pleasant evening at Madison Square Garden, where they attended the "Hollywood Ice Revue."

Playing this week at **The Sayville Theatre:** Allan Ladd in "Paratrooper."

55 Years Ago

FEBRUARY 1969

Mrs. Paul Hitzgrath Jr. was installed as the first woman president ever elected by the Sayville Chamber of Commerce at its 20th annual dinner-dance and installation of officers in the Rose Room at the Long Island MacArthur Airport.

The Sayville High School indoor track team captured the League II title in a meet against Sachem with a 70-16 score. Leaders on the Sayville team were **Bob Ryan**, running the mile in 4:48, and **Bob Peiser**, who took the two-mile in 9:34/7.

Islip Town supervisor **Harry J. Kangieser** officially opened the Bohemia Community Center, located on Smithtown Avenue in Bohemia, in a dedication ceremony. Special recognition was given to **Mrs. Mary**



February 1954: Betty Vass and Neville Hugelmeyer compare notes on microscopic plant life in the biology laboratory at Sayville High School.

Ruzicka of Walnut Avenue, Bohemia, who led local citizens in their long effort to bring a community center to Bohemia.

Leslie Neilon of South Ocean Avenue, Bayport, was accepted for admission to the State University Agricultural and Technical College at Delhi, where she will study business technology.

Representatives of the Bayport Fire Department Fife and Drum Corps, accompanied by the band director, **Louis Di Pietro** and the corps majorette, **Janet Wollert**, were the guests of **Mr. and Mrs. John W. Finger** of New York at a reception honoring Lady Malcom Douglas Hamilton.

Bayport's Cub Scout Pack 130 held a Pine Wood Derby at Sylvan Avenue School. The winners of the derby were, first place, **Harry Lawrence**; second place, **Thomas Scardinia**; and third place, **Gary Weingartner**.

Diane Guzik of Sylvan Avenue, Bayport, was the winner of the Senior Championship at the annual Twirling Competition sponsored by the Eastern Seaboard Twirling Association, held at Massapequa High School.

Mrs. Edward Dietz of Gerritsen Avenue, Bayport, represented Brookhaven

See **YEARS AGO** on page 12

Tianyou Ma steals the show at the Island Symphony Bach Festival

Fourth annual festival a resounding success

BY GRACE MERCURIO

“When a musician plays solo pieces of Bach, it is almost like you are seeing the inside of their musical soul,” shared music director of the Island Symphony Orchestra, Eric Stewart.

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Bach’s music lacks strict indications in the music of how it is supposed to be played; this interpretive quality of Bach’s music allows those who listen to understand how the performer interprets classical music and see into their “musical soul.”

Two hundred and seventy-four years since his death, the fourth annual Island Symphony Bach Festival returned to St. Peter’s By-the-Sea Episcopal Church, in Bay Shore, to celebrate Bach’s musical genius and the interpretive quality of his music. The festival was held on Jan. 28 at 2 p.m., and featured the Island Symphony Orchestra, along with two guest soloists: violinist Tianyou Ma and Stephan Garamy, organist.

Indeed, at the Bach Festival, all attendees were blown away as guest soloist and esteemed violinist Tianyou Ma bared his musical soul during his performance of J.S. Bach’s Violin Sonata No. 3 in C Major, BWV 1005. In listening to his performance, you feel how alive the music really was, giving you a sense of the emotions that Bach may have been feeling, and the way he may have thought about how the music interacts with human beings. Despite the complexity and intricacies of Bach’s music, Ma’s performance exhibited an undeniable humanity to it, which fascinated and dazzled the audience.

“I absolutely love all of his music. Every day when I play Bach, I don’t get tired. When I practice Bach, I don’t get tired or frustrated; I just enjoy working on it,” expressed Ma. “I think that Bach also made me find the meaning inside of why I chose music and violin.”

Tianyou Ma, who is currently pursuing his master’s degree at Juilliard, is the 2021 joint winner of the Lillian and Maurice Barbash J.S. Bach Competition. Each year, the Island Symphony Bach Festival showcases the winner of the Lillian and Maurice Barbash J.S. Bach Competition, a prestigious competition



The spirit of Johannes Brahms was brought to life as the Island Symphony Orchestra performed Symphony No. 4 in E minor Op. 98.



Stephan Garamy, the wildly talented organist, pianist, vocalist, and violist, performed J.S. Bach’s magisterial Passacaglia in C minor, BWV 582.

until next year. Luckily, Tianyou Ma was available to perform.

Featured guest organist Stephan Garamy gave a captivating performance of J.S. Bach’s magisterial Passacaglia in C minor, BWV 582 at the festival. Garamy’s talent echoed through the pipes of the organ and throughout the church with each note of his performance. Garamy has been awarded five American Guild of Organists (AGO) Achievement Awards and is currently the music director and organist at St. Anne’s Church in Brentwood.

The second half of the program was devoted to an impressive performance

of Johannes Brahms’s Symphony No. 4 in E minor Op. 98 by the Island Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Eric Stewart. First established in 1971, the Island Symphony Orchestra is one of Long Island’s preeminent community orchestras. The orchestra initially brought their talents to St. Peter’s By-the-Sea in 2020, making this year the fourth annual Bach Festival played in the church. As the orchestra played, the acoustic sound swirled through the resonant church, filling the space with a vibrant sound that transported listeners hundreds of years into the past. ■

founded by vice president of the orchestra, Susan Barbash.

The competition was founded in 2019 by siblings Susan, Cathy, and Shepard Barbash to honor the legacy of their parents, Lillian and Maurice Barbash, two of Long Island’s most committed art patrons. Lillian Barbash served as executive director of the Islip Arts Council for over three decades, and she organized the New York Philharmonic’s free concert in Heckscher State Park, attended by tens of thousands of Long Islanders each summer.

“I got this sense that she started thinking about how she was going to be remembered. And I had this real impression that she did not want to just be remembered as ‘loving wife, mother, and grandmother,’” explained Susan Barbash. “She wanted to be remembered for all she did as a professional arts presenter. It was a way of honoring them, and doing it while she was still alive.”

French violinist Emmanuel Coppey, winner of the 2023 Lillian and Maurice Barbash J.S. Bach Competition, was unable to get the necessary Visa in time for the festival, and therefore his appearance at the Bach Festival was postponed

LEFT:

Guest soloist Tianyou Ma stunned the audience with his raw talent and passionate performances.

TOP RIGHT:

The Island Symphony Orchestra is an accomplished nonprofit orchestra consisting of 60 talented musicians.

BOTTOM RIGHT:

Eric Stewart has served the Island Symphony Orchestra for over five years as music director.

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My pet, the therapist

Pet Partners cultivate the indescribable human-animal bond

BY GRACE MERCURIO

Some people were born to be doctors, lawyers, artists, or athletes, and some animals were born to be therapy animals—comforting strangers, building community, and bringing joy to all they visit. At Pet Partners of Long Island, therapy animals have the opportunity to share their unconditional love to the people who need it the most.

For almost 50 years, Pet Partners has improved human health and well-being by nourishing the human-animal bond across the country, and around the world. Nine different species register with Pet Partners, including dogs, cats, equines, rabbits, guinea pigs, rats, birds, mini pigs, llamas, and alpacas.

While the Long Island community group includes animals of all shapes and sizes, each pet has a sharp intuition and loving nature that spreads joy everywhere they go, from nursing homes and assisted-living centers, to veterans' homes and summer camps.

Argus, a 10-year-old greyhound that was rehomed from a racetrack in Florida, particularly enjoys going to schools and libraries as part of the Pet Partners Read with Me initiative. Argus's handler, chairman of Pet Partners of Long Island Thomas Tulipan, brings Argus to schools and libraries to interact with children as they learn. Studies show that the presence of a therapy dog motivates students to attend reading activities outside of school and improves reading performance across multiple parameters, including correct word and punctuation recognition.

On the road to volunteering in a variety of settings, each Pet Partner animal has had their own unique journey to becoming a therapy animal.

When Audry Hicks adopted Toby, a goldendoodle, he often barked and was quite misbehaved. Yet, after six short months of training, Toby was ready to become a Pet Partner therapy dog. The goldendoodle helped Hicks to cope with her grief following the death of her husband, and he now extends the same stress benefits and health relief to everyone he meets at Pet Partner events.

Toby has participated in Stony Brook University's PALS (Pet Away Life Stress) Program, in which students reap the anxiety-reducing benefits of the therapy animals during periods of heightened stress, including midterms and finals week.

"I could not even get out of the car fast enough—all of the college kids came zooming to my car," shared Hicks. "They were all hugging him. This was their first day of freshman orientation, and it relaxed them to be with the dogs."



Students love visits from fuzzy friends in the classroom. Children reading with dogs had significantly higher improvements in reading competence, motivation, and reader self-confidence than those without.



Ten-year-old Argus helps the people around him through his loving presence. In the presence of animals, people release hormones including serotonin, prolactin and oxytocin, generating relaxation and stress-reduction.



Pickles the potbelly pig is a 150-pound, potty-trained, friendly pet therapy animal in the Long Island Pet Partners community group.



When donning his Pet Partners bandana and leash, Luke uses his special intuition and loving personality to brighten the day of all who interact with him.



Toby the goldendoodle and his Pet Partners crew visit nursing homes, assisted-living centers, veterans' homes, schools, colleges, and summer camps for children with life-threatening illnesses.

Courtesy photos

Since joining Pet Partners of Long Island around 2008, Tulipan has had a handful of greyhounds registered as therapy animals, each primed with indescribable intuition to help those who need it most.

"There was a lady sitting on the phone crying, and my one dog, Delilah, went over and rested her head on the lady's knee all by herself," shared Tulipan. "A lot of dogs will do that. A lot of dogs just need a chance to show that they can do that."

Therapy dog Luke, a sheepadoodle, indeed needed a chance to show all the love he could spread as a therapy animal. When Luke was adopted at 14 months old, his handler, Linda, admits that he was wild and misbehaved; yet, she never met a dog so intuitive. After training and qualifying as a therapy dog, Luke became a whole different dog when wearing his red leash and bandana that boasts his name and "Pet Partners."

"At an assisted-living facility, there was a woman in a corner all by herself. Luke walked over, and the woman looked at him and smiled and said something to him. The recreation director said, 'I have been here for two years and I've never seen this woman ever respond to anything, and I had never seen her smile,'" shared Linda. "Luke, for some reason, can tell when he is needed, and he will kind of stay with that person more than he stays with others."

Perhaps the most unconventional of the crew is Pickles, the 150-pound potbelly pig. Pickles had been purchased from a pet store, and promptly returned to the store when he became too big. His handler, Claudia Domb, rescued the friendly, fun-loving pig, and got Pickles his therapy animal certification.

"I have had autistic children come to my house, and they lay on top of him and roll around the floor, and he snuggles up to them. He is not at all affected by sudden movements or things you sometimes see in children with autism," explained Domb. "It is almost like he knows that people need him to be who he is. It is hard to believe, but if you saw it, you would understand."

A selective organization, Pet Partners ensures all animals and humans meet their high standards through comprehensive handler and animal testing and training. Handlers and pets take a course and must pass an evaluation test to become a registered therapy animal with Pet Partners, along with medical clearance from a veterinarian and a background check of the handler. During evaluation, Tulipan ensures that the animal is looking at their handler for guidance, and the pair work together

as a team. Each community group is equipped with \$2 million in liability insurance, and animals and handlers are reevaluated every two years.

If you are interested in improving

human health and well-being by nourishing the human-animal bond, invite Pet Partners into your facility, business, or organization by visiting www.petpartners.org. ■

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WORD OF THE WEEK

Breach

BY SAVE THE GREAT SOUTH BAY

An event that occurs when extreme weather forces an opening in the barrier between the ocean and the bay, potentially causing long-term coastal flooding risks.

Not to be confused with an overwash, which is when water levels are forced over a barrier causing temporary flooding during a storm. Repeated overwashes can eventually lead to a breach.

Those of us who live on the South Shore of Long Island are all too familiar with the pain of waking up in the morning to inches of flooding in our homes and businesses.

It's no comfort to know which type of coastal event caused this massive inconvenience in your life, but understanding the difference between a breach and an overwash helps us to mitigate future flooding to the best of our ability.

While nature can never be fully tamed,

we can take certain precautions if we understand where the water is flooding in from.

When a breach occurs, it means there is significant structural damage in the barrier between the bay and ocean.

This requires fixing, or the problem may worsen.

Fire Island is the first line of defense for the mainland. With the Fire Island dune system continuing to erode, the mainland faces threats of increased flooding and storm damage.

Save The Great South Bay is a local environmental non-profit whose mission is to restore water quality in the Great South Bay for future generations to enjoy. Our Word of the Week initiative aims to make the scientific vocabulary of environmentalism accessible to everyone. View past Words of the Week at www.savethegreatsouthbay.org under News & Events in the Photo Gallery.



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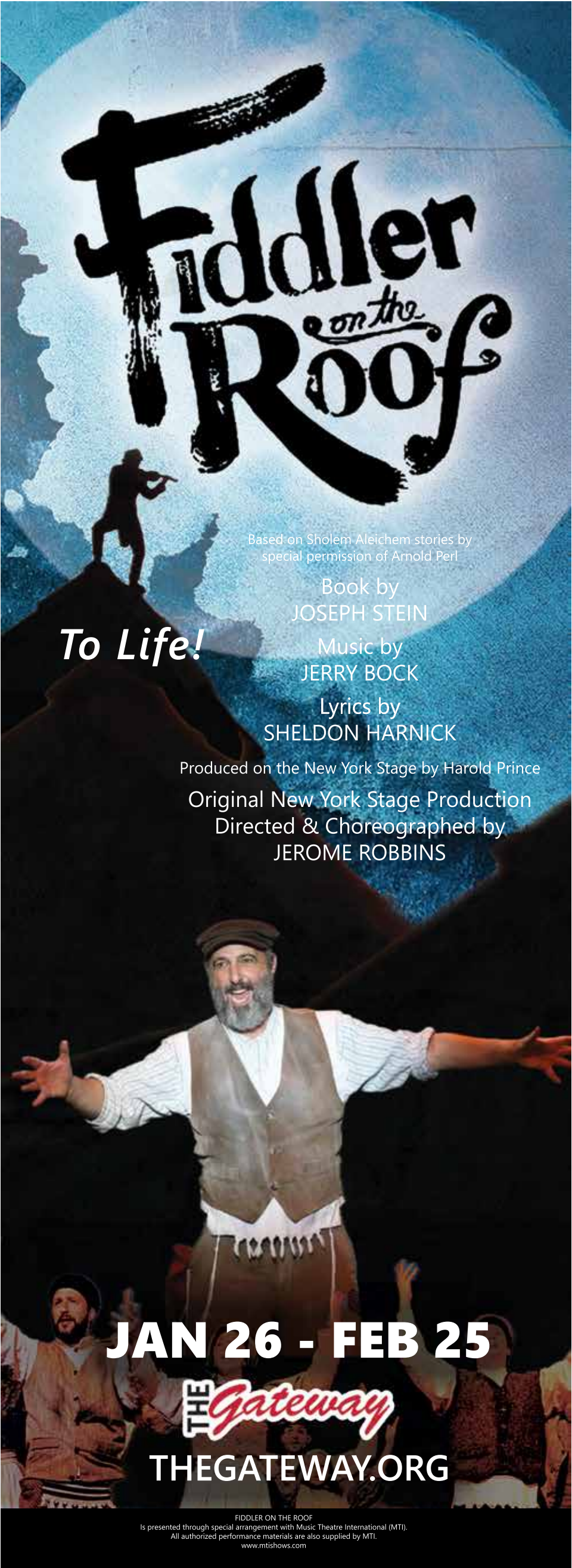
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John B. Greene

John Burton Greene, 57, of Grahamsville, N.Y., formerly of Sayville, died on Jan. 25. Mr. Greene spent his childhood in Sayville and graduated from Sayville High School in 1984. He settled into a career of carpentry, excelling at wood construction, woodworking, furniture making, and all aspects of home remodeling.

He is survived by his mother, Meryl, of Sayville; his sister, Kathleen Greene of Catskill, N.Y.; his brother, Thomas and his partner Christine Varajao, of Blue Point and NYC; and his many cousins. He was predeceased by his father, Thomas Michael Greene, and his brother, Michael Thomas Greene.

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Raynor & D'Andrea Funeral Home, West Sayville, where family will receive visitors on Thursday, Feb. 1 from 2 to 4 p.m., with a chapel service at 3:30 p.m. at the funeral home. Interment will take place on Friday, Feb. 2 at St. Lawrence Cemetery, Sayville.



Stuart D. Hawkins

Stuart Duane Hawkins, 82, of Fort Meyers, Fla., formerly of Blue Point, died on Jan. 27. He was the son of Marian and Duane Hawkins and a longtime principal of the Blue Point Elementary School.

He is survived by Alphonse LeBel, his marriage partner of 47 years.

He was an outgoing, wonderful friend to many and will be greatly missed.

Claudette T. McAnaney

Claudette T. McAnaney, of Baltimore, Md., formerly of Sayville and Tortola, BVI, died on Jan. 24.

She is survived by her husband, Ronald; her son, Justin McAnaney and his wife Michelle; and her brother, Gregory D'Alessandro. She was predeceased by her parents, Angelo and Lena D'Alessandro; her brother, Rondal D'Alessandro; and her daughter, Vanessa McAnaney.

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Raynor & D'Andrea Funeral Home, West Sayville, where family will receive visitors on Friday, Feb. 2 from 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. A funeral Mass will be held on Saturday, Feb. 3 at 9:30 a.m. at St. Lawrence R.C. Church, Sayville, followed by interment in the parish cemetery.

Kathleen M. Mullaney

Kathleen Mary Mullaney, 83, a resident of Bay Shore and formerly of Sayville for more than 40 years, died on Jan. 27. She worked as a registered nurse for more than 40 years.

She is survived by her children, William A. Mullaney Jr. of Oakdale, Colleen Rotherham and her husband Jack, of Larchmont, Kevin and his wife Tracy, of Brightwaters, and Michael and his wife Nicole, of Bellport; her brothers, Jack, Robert and Joseph Folks; her grandchildren, Shannon, Kayleigh, Rylie, Grace, Katie, Jack, Ian, Lukas, Maggie, Tyler and Allison; and her great-grandson, Nathan Ekelund. She was predeceased by her husband, Bill, and her brother, James Folks.

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Raynor & D'Andrea Funeral Home, West Sayville, where family and friends will gather on Friday, Feb. 2 from 2 to 4:30 p.m. and 7 to 9:30 p.m. A funeral Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, Feb. 3 at 9 a.m. at St. Patrick's R.C. Church, Bay Shore, followed by interment in St. Lawrence Cemetery, Sayville. For more information or to leave a condolence, visit www.raynordandrea.com.



In lieu of flowers, contributions to Our Lady of Consolation Nursing Home, 111 Beach Drive, West Islip, New York 11795, are appreciated by the family.

Paul J. Patin

Paul John Patin, 81, a resident of Blue Point for more than 35 years, died on Jan. 22. Mr. Patin was a nuclear engineer with Republic Aviation and worked with Hydrosystems Inc. before founding his own company, Dynalantic Corp., in 1984. He was an avid sailor and two-time winner of the Raven Class National Championship, as well as a longstanding member and officer of the Sayville Yacht Club, where he served twice as commodore.

Mr. Patin is survived by his wife of 56 years, Priscilla; his son, Paul-Jon; his siblings, Eugene, John, and Tara; and his two grandchildren, Nicholas and Andre.

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Raynor & D'Andrea Funeral Home, Bayport. All funeral services were private. For more information or to leave a condolence, visit www.raynordandrea.com.



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YEARS AGO

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Memorial Hospital at a three-day seminar on "Developmental Styles and Leadership," held in Syracuse.

Janice Henze, a Connetquot High School senior, was named a Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow, making her eligible for state and national scholarships.

Mr. and Mrs. William J. Martin, of Sayville Boulevard, attended the 13th annual Long Island String Festival held in Northport High School, where their sons, Donald, played the viola in the senior high school orchestra, and Craig, played the string bass in the elementary school

orchestra.

Gordon J. Valentine of Lincoln Avenue, Sayville, has been promoted to private first class near Nui Dep, Vietnam, where he is assigned to the 39th Engineer Battalion's Company C as a combat engineer.

Army Pvt. Paul Canella of Fremont Road, West Sayville, is now serving in Vietnam after a 23-day leave.

Playing this week at The Sayville Theatre: "Fine Madness" and "The Boston Strangler."

Compiled by Vanessa Graniello



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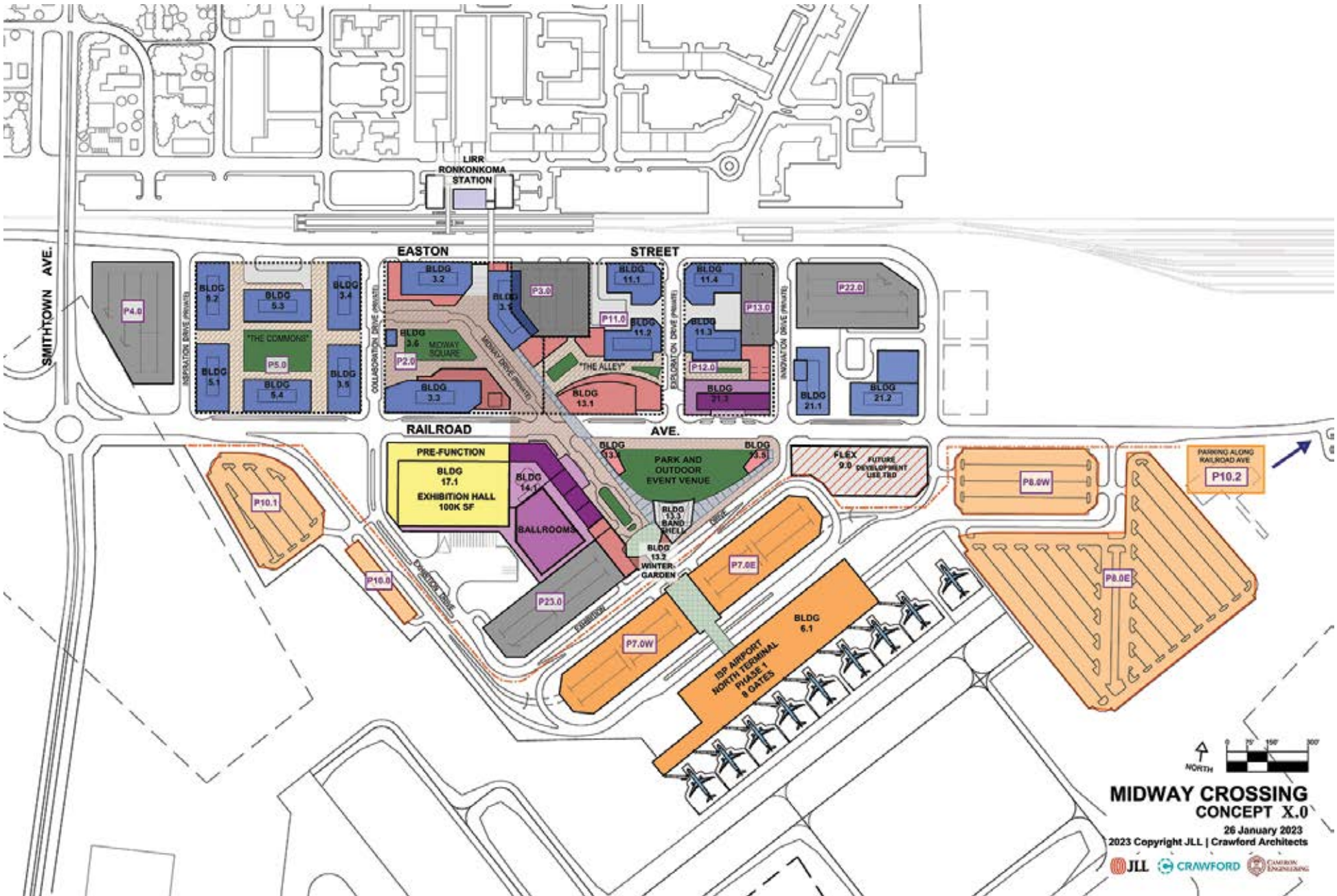
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\$3.3 billion airport project clears FAA approval



Courtesy Photo

The Town of Islip received clearance from the Federal Aviation Administration for the Midway Crossing project proposal in Ronkonkoma.

In a letter to commissioner Shelley LaRose Arken, the FAA stated they determined the proposed project “would have no material impact on aircraft operations, at, to, or from the airport, would not affect the safety and property of people and property on the ground adjacent to the airport as a

result of airport operations; and would not have an adverse effect on the value of prior federal investments to a significant extent.”

The Town of Islip had submitted a request for permanent change in the use of 47.2 acres of Long Island MacArthur Airport property in a long-term aeronautical lease to allow for transit-oriented, non-aeronautical development centered around the Long Island Rail Road Station (i.e., the Midway Crossing project).

Midway Crossing is described by devel-

opers as “a once-in-a-generation, transit-oriented development opportunity not only for Ronkonkoma, but also for the region as a whole. High daily ridership on the Ronkonkoma line (over 9 million in 2018), coupled with proximity to regional transportation assets, and the underutilization of land surrounding the train station makes a project in Ronkonkoma a real transformational possibility.”

A sports complex arena had been part of the original proposal, but after com-

munity engagement, was shuttered. Currently, the Midway Crossing project includes: a Life Sciences/Commercial District, retail and shopping, and a convention center and hotel. The public stakeholders include Suffolk County, the Town of Islip, New York State and the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA). The private stakeholders include JLL as Master Developer, Cameron Engineering and Crawford Architects NY.

-Sam Desmond

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that acquisitions have been proposed and contracts prepared under the New Suffolk County 1/4% Drinking Water Protection Program-Open Space-PayGo as follows:

SITE
E.H.L. Smith Fields

TAX MAP NOS.
0802-002.00-02.00-009.035

OWNERS
E.H.L. Smith Fields, LLC

Copies of the proposed contracts can be seen at the office of the Suffolk County Department of Economic Development and Planning, Division of Real Property Acquisition and Management, H. Lee Dennison Building, 2nd Floor, Veterans Memorial Highway, Hauppauge, New York. The undersigned will hold a final public hearing of this acquisition, pursuant to Section 247 of the N.Y.S. General Municipal Law, at the Division of Real Property Acquisition and Management on the 8th day of February, 2024 at 10:00 a.m., at which time all interested persons will be heard.

Michael Brown
Acquisition Unit Supervisor

Dated: January 25, 2024
Hauppauge, N.Y.
SCN, 3528, 2/1

Colors LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on September 4, 2023. Office location: Suffolk County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to World of Colors LLC, 1345 Pine Acres Blvd, Bay Shore, NY 11706. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.
SCN, 3483, 1/4, 11, 18, 25 - 2/1, 8

Notice of formation of a NY Limited Liability Company. Name: Wren Title Consulting LLC. Articles of Organization filing date with the Secretary of State (SSNY) was December 18, 2023. Office located: Suffolk County. SSNY has been designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and SSNY shall mail a copy of process to 249 Candee Avenue, Sayville, NY 11782.

“Notice of formation of DL Capital Management, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/4/2023. Office loc: Suffolk Co. SSNY has been designated for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to: 20 Chimney Ln, Bay Shore, NY 11706. Purpose: any lawful purpose.”
SCN, 3473, 12/28 - 1/4, 11, 18, 25 - 2/1

Notice of Formation of World of

Colors LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on September 4, 2023. Office location: Suffolk County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to World of Colors LLC, 1345 Pine Acres Blvd, Bay Shore, NY 11706. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.
SCN, 3483, 1/4, 11, 18, 25 - 2/1, 8

Notice of formation of a NY Limited Liability Company. Name: Wren Title Consulting LLC. Articles of Organization filing date with the Secretary of State (SSNY) was December 18, 2023. Office located: Suffolk County. SSNY has been designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and SSNY shall mail a copy of process to 249 Candee Avenue, Sayville, NY 11782.

Purpose is to engage in any and all business activities permitted under NYS laws.
SCN, 3487, 1/11, 18, 25 - 2/1, 8, 15

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF SUFFOLK - ISLIP.
CITIMORTGAGE, INC., AS SUCCESSOR BY MERGER WITH PRINCIPAL RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE, INC., Plaintiff -against- SYLVAIN CHOUEN, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered herein and dated August 22, 2023, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Islip Town Hall, located at 655 Main Street, Islip, NY on February 15, 2024 at 11:30 a.m. premises situate, lying and being in the Town of Islip, County of Suffolk and State of New York, bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at a point on the easterly side of Cadman Road, distant 200.00 feet northerly from the corner formed by the intersection of the easterly side of Cadman Road

and the northerly side of Douglas Avenue; being a plot 100.00 feet by 100 feet by 100 feet by 100 feet. District: 0500 Section: 362.00 Block: 02.00 Lot: 049.000
All bidders must wear a face mask/shield at all times and social distancing must be observed by all bidders at all times. Bidders who do not comply with the face mask and/or the social distancing mandate will be removed from the auction. Said premises known as 571 CADMAN ROAD, WEST ISLIP, NY 11795 Approximate amount of lien \$335,087.87 plus interest & costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment and Terms of Sale.
If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.

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Index Number 612875/2018.
STEVEN BERTOLINO, ESQ., Referee
David A. Gallo & Associates LLP
Attorney(s) for Plaintiff
47 Hillside Avenue, 2nd Floor,
Manhasset, NY 11030
File# 8243.343
[* SUFFOLK CO*]
SCN, 3488, 1/11, 18, 25 - 2/1 I

**** 2024****
CONTINUOUS RUN
NOTICE TO BIDDERS
BIDS WILL BE RECEIVED AND PUBLICLY OPENED AT THE SUFFOLK COUNTY OFFICE OF CENTRAL PROCUREMENT, 335 YAPHANK AVE., YAPHANK, NY 11980 631/852-5196 FOR THE FOLLOWING MATERIAL ON EACH MONDAY IN *2024 AT 11:00 A.M. PLEASE REFER TO BUYER'S INITIALS WHEN MAKING INQUIRIES: JR MEATS POULTRY
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*EXCEPT LEGAL HOLIDAYS, IN WHICH CASE IT WILL BE TUESDAY.
DEFINITE SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE ABOVE ITEMS MAY BE OBTAINED AT THE OFFICE OF CENTRAL PROCUREMENT.
SCN, 3489, 1/11 - 12/26 I

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK - COUNTY OF SUFFOLK
FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION ("FANNIE MAE"), A CORPORATION ORGANIZED AND EXISTING UNDER THE LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
V.
FRANK AMATO, ET AL.
NOTICE OF SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated October 10, 2019, and entered in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Suffolk, wherein FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION ("FANNIE MAE"), A CORPORATION ORGANIZED AND EXISTING UNDER THE LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA is the Plaintiff and FRANK AMATO, ET AL. are the Defendant(s). I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the ISLIP TOWN HALL, 655 MAIN STREET, ISLIP, NY 11751, on February 13, 2024 at 10:30AM, premises known as 84 HAYNES AVE, WEST ISLIP, NY 11795: District 0500, Section 311.00, Block 02.00, Lot 114.003 F/K/A Part of Former Lot 015.005 F/K/A Part of Former Lot 114.001:
ALL THAT CERTAIN PLOT, PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND, WITH THE BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS THEREON ERECTED, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE TOWN OF ISLIP, COUNTY OF SUFFOLK AND STATE OF NEW YORK
Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 015989/2009. Cooper J. Macco, Esq. - Referee. Robertson, Anschutz, Schneid, Crane & Partners, PLLC 900 Merchants Concourse, Suite 310, Westbury, New York 11590, Attorneys for Plaintiff. All foreclosure sales will be conducted in accordance with Covid-19 guidelines including, but not limited to, social distancing and mask wearing.
*LOCATION OF SALE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DAY OF IN ACCORDANCE WITH COURT/CLERK DIRECTIVES.
SCN, 3492, 1/11, 18, 25 - 2/1 I

Notice of formation of a NY Limited Liability Company. Name: Concrete Solutions Consulting LLC. Articles of Organization filing date with the Secretary of State (SSNY) was December 3, 2023. Office located: Suffolk County. SSNY has been designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and SSNY shall mail a copy of process to 249 Candee Avenue, Sayville, NY 11782. Purpose is to engage in any and all business activities permitted under NYS laws.
SCN, 3493, 1/11, 18, 25 - 2/1, 8, 15 I

Notice of formation of Dem WayZ CarZ. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2023-12-20. Office Location: Suffolk County. SSNY designat

ated as agent of Limited Liability Corporation (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Dem WayZ CarZ : 1474 Grundy Avenue Holbrook, NY 11471.
Purpose: Any lawful purpose
SCN, 3496, 1/11, 18, 25 - 2/1, 8, 15 I

SUPPLEMENTAL
MISCELLANEOUS CITATION
File No. 2022-4734/A
SURROGATE'S COURT- SUFFOLK COUNTY CITATION
THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK,
By the Grace of God Free and Independent
TO: New York Attorney General and the distributees, heirs at law and next of kin of LORINDA JEAN LUND, deceased, paternal or maternal, if any be living: and if any be dead, their respective distributees, heirs at law, next of kin, legatees, devisees, executors, administrators, assignees and successors in interest, all of whose names, whereabouts are unknown and cannot be ascertained with due diligence, being the person interested in the estate of LORINDA JEAN LUND, deceased as distributees or otherwise.
A petition having been filed by Billy L. Mims, Jr., who is domiciled at 36 Dana Drive, Mastic, New York 11950
YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court, Suffolk County, at 320 Center Drive, Riverhead, New York, on February 27, 2024 at 9:30 am of that day, why a decree should not be made in the estate of LORINDA JEAN LUND lately domiciled at 94 E. Lakewood Street Patchogue, New York 11772 in the County of Suffolk granting that Letters of Administration d.b.n. be issued to BILLY L. MIMS, JR. to complete the administration of the Estate and that a bond be dispensed with; and that The Public (State any further relief requested) Administrator of Suffolk County, New York be allowed to resign; and that Letters of Administration issued to The Public Administrator of Suffolk County on October 6, 2021 be revoked; and that the Court determine that BILLY L. MIMS, JR. is the father of LORINDA JEAN LUND.
NO IN-PERSON APPEARANCE IS REQUIRED.
If you oppose the Court granting the relief requested on this citation, you must file verified Answer/Objections, with the appropriate tiling fee, or inform the Court in writing of your intention to file verified Answer/Objections using New York State Courts Electronic Filing (NYSCEF), except that unrepresented parties may file verified Answer/Objections, with the appropriate tiling fee, or respond indicating such intent by mail provided that the Court receives the verified Answer/Objections or response on or before the second day preceding the return date listed above. Failure to do so will result in an assumption that you do not object to the Court granting the relief in this matter and no further notice will be given to you.
HON. VINCENT J. MESSINA JR.
Surrogate
s/s
Doreen A. Quinn, Chief Clerk
Dated, Attested and Sealed
December 29, 2023
MaryKate Brigham
Name of Petitioner or Attorney for Petitioner

Signature of Petitioner or Attorney
33 West Second Street, P.O. Box 9398
Riverhead, New York 11901
Address of Petitioner or Attorney
631-727-2180
Telephone Number
[NOTE: This citation is served upon you as required by law. You are not required to appear. If you fail to appear it will be assumed you do not object to the relief requested. You have a right to have an attorney appear for you. You may request one adjournment provided that the Court receives such request in writing on or before the second day listed above. No further adjournments shall be granted absent such cause shown]

SCN, 3504, 1/18, 25 - 2/1, 8 I
Notice of formation of Saskatoon Boatworks LLC. Articles of organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 01/06/2024. Office located in Suffolk County. SSNY designated as agent for service of process. SSNY shall mail any process served against the LLC to Saskatoon Boatworks LLC, 122 Oakwood Ave, Bayport, NY 11705. Purpose: any lawful purpose.
SCN, 3505, 1/18, 25 - 2/1, 8, 15, 22 I

Notice of formation of Nicholas Scibetta & Associates LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York SSNY on 12/18/2023. Office located in Suffolk County. SSNY has been designated for service of process. SSNY shall mail copy of any process served against the LLC 6 W. Oak St, Amityville, NY 11701. Purpose: any lawful purpose.
SCN, 3508, 1/18, 25 - 2/1, 8, 15, 22 I

NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF SUFFOLK, U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE OF THE BUNGALOW SERIES IV TRUST, Plaintiff, vs. JAMIE DELCOLLE, ET AL., Defendant(s).
Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered on December 4, 2023, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Islip Town Hall, 655 Main Street, Islip, NY 11751 on February 21, 2024 at 9:30 a.m., premises known as 88 Ward Street, West Islip, NY 11795. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Town of Islip, County of Suffolk and State of New York, District 0500, Section 311.00, Block 03.00 and Lot 037.000. Approximate amount of judgment is \$309,833.12 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index #600172/2023. COVID-19 safety protocols will be followed at the foreclosure sale.
Arthur E. Shulman, Esq., Referee
Friedman Vartolo LLP, 85 Broad Street, Suite 501, New York, New York 10004, Attorneys for Plaintiff.
Firm File No. 223587-1
SCN, 3509, 1/18, 25 - 2/1, 8 I

Notice of Formation of DAVAC HOMES LLC Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of the State of New York (SSNY) on 01/04/2024 Office location; Suffolk County. SSNY designated for service of process. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process served against the LLC to c/o: THE LLC, 31 COLUMBUS AVENUE, BRENTWOOD NY, 11717. Purpose; All Lawful Purposes.
SCN, 3510, 1/18, 25 - 2/1, 8, 15, 22 I

BOEM New York Bight Offshore Wind Energy Development: Public Meeting Notice
The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) is seeking public comment on the New York Bight Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (Draft PEIS). BOEM is requesting input on potential effects that development of the NY Bight leases could have on biological, physical, socioeconomic, and cultural resources. BOEM is asking Tribal Nations, members of the public, state and federal agencies, and local governments to submit comments to inform this environmental review.
BOEM will host an in-person open house meeting on February 7, 2024, to provide information on the Draft PEIS, provide an opportunity for the public to speak one-on-one, directly with BOEM subject matter experts who developed the Draft PEIS, and collect public comment. The meeting will feature informational stations and provide members of the public the opportunity to submit formal public comment on laptops to Regulations.gov, via handwritten comment cards, or by individually recording oral comments. It will be hosted at Stony Brook University's Bauman Center for Leadership and Service in room C029 (Benedict D013, 200 Circle Rd, Stony Brook, NY 11790) from 4 – 7 p.m. ET. BOEM

will host additional virtual public meetings on January 31, 2024, at 5 p.m. and February 13, 2024, at 1 p.m. ET where members of the public will be able to provide oral public comment.
Visit BOEM's website to learn about the process, register to attend a meeting, request special assistance, and learn about weather contingencies and interpretation services: <https://www.boem.gov/renewable-energy/state-activities/new-york-bight>. All meetings are open to the public and free to attend.
Please note, signage of any kind is not permitted within the venue. Thank you for your attendance.
SCN, 3511, 1/18, 25 - 2/1 I

STATE OF NEW YORK
SUPREME COURT: COUNTY OF SUFFOLK
NOTICE OF SALE IN FORECLOSURE
THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, F/K/A THE BANK OF NEW YORK AS TRUSTEE FOR REGISTERED HOLDERS OF CWABS, INC., ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-3, Plaintiff,
v.
RAMON RODRIGUEZ, ET AL. Defendants.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT
In pursuance of a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the Office of the County Clerk of Suffolk County on October 12, 2023, I, William Garbarino, Esq., the Referee named in said Judgment, will sell in one parcel at public auction on February 26, 2024 at the Islip Town Hall, 655 Main Street, Islip, NY, at 10:00 AM the premises described as follows:
8 Church Street
Central Islip, NY 11722
SBL No.: 0500-098.00-02.00-056.000
All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in Central Islip, Town of Islip, County of Suffolk and State of New York.
The premises are sold subject to the provisions of the filed judgment, Index No. 608456/2019 in the amount of \$678,486.54 plus interest and costs.
The aforementioned auction will be conducted in accordance with the Court System's COVID-19 mitigation protocols and as such all persons must comply with social distancing, wearing masks and screening practices in effect at the time of this foreclosure sale.
Woods Oviatt Gilman LLP
Attorneys for Plaintiff
500 Bausch & Lomb Place
Rochester, NY 14604
Tel.: 855-227-5072
SCN, 3521, 1/25 - 2/1, 8, 15 I

Notice of Formation of Rogue Code LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2024-01-08. Office location: Suffolk County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Patrick Torres: 15 Blazer Dr. Islandia, NY 11749. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.
SCN, 3525, 1/25 - 2/1, 8, 15, 22, 29 I

LEGAL POSTPONEMENT OF NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF SUFFOLK, U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY, BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR RCF 2 ACQUISITION TRUST, Plaintiff, vs. MARIE BLAISE, ET AL., Defendant (s).
Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered on August 25, 2023, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction within Suffolk County in the Town Hall of Islip, located at 655 Main Street, Islip, NY 11751, on February 9, 2024 at 1:30 PM, premises known as 190 CALEBS PATH, BRENTWOOD, NEW YORK, 11717. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Town of Islip, County of Suffolk and State of New York District: 0500, Section: 076.00, Block: 01.00, Lot: 026.000.

Approximate amount of judgment is \$538,423.60 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 610955/2018. Prior sale was initially scheduled for January 12, 2024.
If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee's attorney, or the Referee.
STEVEN HOMAYOON, Esq., Referee
Roach & Lin, P.C., 6851 Jericho Turnpike, Suite 185, Syosset, New York 11791, Attorneys for Plaintiff
SCN, 3527, 2/1 I

"Notice of formation of SUGAH'S SWEETS LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York SSNY on 12/29/23 Office located in Suffolk county. SSNY has been designated for service of process. SSNY shall mail copy of any process served against the LLC 1706 Pine Grove Blvd. Bay Shore, NY 11706. Purpose: any lawful purpose."
SCN, 3529, 2/1, 8, 15, 22, 29 - 3/7 I

Notice of formation of complement services LLC. Article of organization filed with SSNY on 12/7/2023. Office located in Suffolk county. SSNY has been designated for services of any process. SSNY shall mail copy of any process served against 53 fire rd dr, bayshore ny 11706. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.
SCN, 3530, 2/1, 8, 15, 22, 29 - 3/7 I

Notice of Formation of 615 PIKE STREET LLC a domestic Limited Liability Company. Articles of Org. filed with the Secretary of State (SSNY) on 01/17/2024. Office location: Suffolk County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: STEPHAN MAZZELLA, 350 BROOK LANE, SOUTHOLD, NY 11971. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act or activity.
SCN, 3531, 2/1, 8, 15, 22, 29 - 3/7 I

PUBLIC NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN I.R. No.1026-2024 – "A Local Law to Amend Chapters 433 and 643 of the Suffolk County Administrative Code to Increase Penalties for the Pollution of County Parks and Pine Barrens and to Increase Rewards for Reporting Pollution" has been introduced in the Suffolk County Legislature. This local law would increase fines for illegal dumping/polluting of construction or demolition debris, hazardous materials or hazardous waste at County Parks and the Pine Barrens.
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the County Legislature will hold a public hearing on the 6th day of February, 2024, at 2:00 P.M. in the Rose Y. Caracappa Auditorium of the William H. Rogers Building, 725 Veterans Memorial Highway, Hauppauge, New York. This will be an in-person participation only public hearing.
The Clerk will accept written testimony via mail to the Clerk's Office at the Suffolk County Legislature, William H. Rogers Building, 725 Veterans Memorial Highway, Hauppauge, New York 11788, or email to Frank.Tassone@SuffolkCountyNY.Gov, as well as recorded voice testimony at (631) 853-3685 until 3:00 PM on the 6th day of February, 2024. Written and email testimony submissions will be attached to the minutes of this meeting as Addendum A. A transcription of the recorded voice testimony which was submitted will be attached to the minutes of this meeting as Addendum B.
Frank Tassone
Clerk of the County Legislature
IR 1026-2024
SCN, 3532, 2/1 I

PUBLIC NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN I.R. No. 1019-2024 – "A Local Law to Provide Further Services at Congregate Homeless Shelters" has been introduced in the Suffolk County Legislature. This local law would provide more services to the residents of

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congregate homeless shelters and to require electronic notification to additionally be provided to the County Legislator and the Town Supervisor.

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN I.R. No. 1013-2024 – "A Local Law to Amend the Chapter 740 of the Suffolk County Code in Connection with Sewers and to Amend Article XXXVI of the Suffolk County Administrative Code to Improve the County's Affordable Housing Programs" has been introduced in the Suffolk County Legislature. This local law would align with County policies concerning area median income ("AMI") and affordable unit requirements and to clarify the affordability requirements for developers of residential housing seeking to connect to an existing County sewer district from outside the district.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the County Legislature will hold a public hearing on the 6th day of February, 2024, at 2:00 P.M. in the Rose Y. Caracappa Auditorium of the William H. Rogers Building, 725 Veterans Memorial Highway, Hauppauge, New York. This will be an in-person participation only public hearing. The Clerk will accept written testimony via mail to the Clerk's Office at the Suffolk County Legislature, William H. Rogers Building, 725 Veterans Memorial Highway, Hauppauge, New York 11788, or email to Frank.Tassone@SuffolkCountyNY.Gov, as well as recorded voice testimony at (631) 853-3685 until 3:00 PM on the 6th day of February, 2024. Written and email testimony submissions will be attached to the minutes of this meeting as Addendum A. A transcription of the recorded voice testimony which was submitted will be attached to the minutes of this meeting as Addendum B. Frank Tassone Clerk of the County Legislature IR 1013-2024 **SCN, 3534, 2/1 |**

Notice To Bidders
February 1, 2024

Bids will be received and publicly opened at the Suffolk County Office of Central Procurement - 335 Yaphank Avenue, Yaphank, New York 11980 - 631-852-5197, for the following material on the following dates at 11:00 A.M. Please refer to buyer's Initials when making Inquiries.

LT- Wednesday, February 14, 2024 – Bid #24/0034- Trash Bags (Commodity Code 66524)
MOF – Friday, February 16, 2024 – Bid #24/0037LPWI – Bus Stop Sign Fabrication, Installation and Traffic Control (Commodity Codes 55763, 96884, 57044, 96880)
MEM – Tuesday, February 20, 2024 – Bid #24/0035 – Annual Requirements Contract – Magnetic Flow Meters (Commodity Code 89044)
JC – Wednesday, February 28, 2024 – Bid #24/0020LPWI – Renovations of the Yaphank Probation Building Boiler Room No. C0110 (Commodity Code 94125)
Bid specifications are available on-line at: <http://dpw.suffolkcountyny.gov/rfp> Click on Government/

Purchasing/Bid Announcement System. Follow the directions. If you require assistance, please contact the Office or Procurement at 631-852-5196. The hours of operation are: Monday through Friday, from 7:30 AM To 4:00 PM. **SCN, 3535, 2/1 |**

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Attn: Laura Haymaker Zamimi Arrowood Dr. Bethesda, MD 20817
3. Box Truck Vin# **SCN, 3536, 2/1 |**

LOCAL EMERGENCY ORDER
No. 6-2024. EXTENDING LOCAL EMERGENCY ORDER Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5

Local Emergency Order:
Allowing the County to Quickly Respond to the Potential Arrival of Asylum Seekers
I, Edward P. Romaine, Suffolk County Executive, in accordance with a Proclamation of a Local State of Emergency issued on January 5, 2024 do hereby find and order as follows:
Whereas, on August 2, 2021 the Federal Government issued an Order pursuant to 42 U.S.C. secs. 362 and 365 (the "Title 42 Order") prohibiting migration into the United States by "covered noncitizens" traveling from Canada or Mexico; and
Whereas, the Title 42 Order expired on May 11, 2023 and upon its expiration, an anticipated surge of migration into the United States commenced resulting with the imminent arrival of individuals into New York State at an increased rate; and
Whereas, Suffolk County recognizes that the anticipated uncoordinated moving of people into the County of Suffolk will result in a severe housing crisis as a result of the limited number of temporary and permanent housing available in the County.

Now, therefore, I, Edward P. Romaine, Suffolk County Executive by the power vested in me by the Suffolk County Charter and the Laws of the State of New York and pursuant to Section 24 of Article 2-B of the New York State Executive Law, do hereby temporarily suspend or modify any statute, local law, resolution, order, rule or regulation or parts thereof, if compliance with such statute, local law, resolution, order, rule or regulation would prevent, hinder or delay action necessary to assist, aid or cope with the aforementioned State of Emergency, and I hereby order the following:

- A. The formation of an intergovernmental team (the "intergovernmental team") that includes the Chief Deputy County Executive, which shall coordinate to assist in meeting the needs of the County as a result of any potential housing crisis in the County.
- B. All County Departments are required to work with the County Executive's office to effectuate any emergency measures that need to be addressed as a result of this Order.
- C. No hotel, motel, owner of a multiple dwelling, or shelter in Suffolk County is permitted to contract or otherwise engage in business with any other municipality (an "external municipality") for the purpose of providing housing or accommodations for asylum seekers without the permission or coordination of Suffolk County. This prohibition extends to any person or entity participating in an external municipality's government program, or a contract or service funded by an external municipality or acting on behalf of any external municipality or the State of New York.
- D. In order to effectuate Suffolk

County's role in this emergency, all procurement policies for the purchase of equipment, supplies or contracts, relating to this emergency, are suspended, specifically: Suffolk County Code Chapters 1065 and 189; Article IV sections A 4-13 and 14; Article V section A5-1; Charter section C5-2 (C) and (L); and Section A5-8, Chap. 575, Chap. 803, Chap. 353 and Local Law 41-2013 to the extent that they require execution of documentation of compliance; and all related procurement laws, rules, and regulations required to comply with this Emergency Order.

E. Regardless of any other remedy or relief brought by the County for any violation, the County Executive is authorized to direct the County Attorney to commence actions or proceedings in the name of the County, in a court of competent jurisdiction, to abate any violation of, or to enforce any provision of this Emergency Order.

F. Remedies Not Exclusive.

- No remedy or penalty specified in this Emergency Order shall be the exclusive remedy or remedy available to address any violation described in this Executive Order.
- Each remedy or penalty specified in the Emergency Order shall be in addition to, and not in substitution for or limitation of, the other remedies or penalties specified in this Emergency Order or in any other applicable law.
- Any remedy or penalty specified in this section may be pursued at any time, whether prior to, simultaneously with, or after the pursuit of any other remedy or penalty specified in the Emergency Order or in any other applicable law.
- In particular, but not by way of limitation, each remedy and penalty specified in this section shall be in addition to, and not in substitution for or limitation of, the penalties specified in New York Executive Law Section 24, and any remedy or penalty specified in this section may be pursued at any time, whether prior to, simultaneously with, or after the pursuit of any penalty specified in New York Executive Law Section 24.

G. Effective Date
This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.
And I further order, that all Suffolk County Departments, Agencies, and Divisions or other duly authorized law enforcement agencies take whatever steps are necessary to assist in performing such emergency measures as deemed necessary; and further order that
This order shall cease to be in effect **five (5) days** after promulgation or upon declaration by the County Executive that the state of emergency no longer exists, whichever occurs sooner. The County Executive nevertheless, may extend such orders for additional periods not to exceed five (5) days each during the pendency of the local state of emergency. Failure to obey this order is a criminal offense, punishable by law under New York State Executive Law § 24(5).
Dated: January 27, 2024
Edward P. Romaine
Suffolk County Executive
SCN, 3537, 2/1 |

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Sealed bids will be received at the Suffolk County Department of Public Works Purchasing Unit (Room #103), 335 Yaphank Avenue, Yaphank, New York 11980, until 11:00 AM local time on Friday, March 22, 2024, at which time they will be publicly opened and read for:
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All Contract Documents may be examined on the plan review table at the Suffolk County Department of Public Works (Rudolph M. Kammerer Building) 335 Yaphank Avenue, Yaphank, New York 11980, between the hours of 9:00AM and 3:00PM daily, except Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, on or after February 1, 2024. In order to obtain a set of Contract Documents, eligible bidders **MUST** visit <http://www.suffolkcountyny.gov>, click on "Doing Business", then "Bids & Proposals", then click "Please click here for access to the Suffolk County Purchasing System". This will bring you to a home-page where you can "Log-in" to view and print the offerings. New users click on "Log In" to create a new account to register. When creating your profile, ensure that you select NIGP codes 909, 910, 912, 913, 925, and 968 which will allow you to view the appropriate documents and receive future e-mails about Lettings/Capital Projects. You are responsible for downloading and printing all appropriate Contract Documents. You are also responsible for checking the site frequently to ensure that you have all addenda. Note that there is no fee to create a user profile or to obtain documents. Questions for user login should be directed to the Suffolk County Department of Public Works IT division at (631) 852-4115. Eligible bidders must have registered on the Suffolk County Department of Public Works Purchasing Unit web site to be eligible to submit a responsible bid.

Note: This project is a PLA project. This Project is to be bid as a single prime project. Bidders shall submit with their bids, a separate sealed list that names each subcontractor that the bidder will use to perform work on the contract, and the agreed-upon amount to be paid to each as applicable, for: (a) plumbing and

gas fitting (i.e., Plumbing Work), (b) steam heating, hot water heating, ventilating and air conditioning apparatus (i.e., HVAC Work which includes fire sprinkler) and (c) electric wiring and standard illuminating fixtures (i.e., Electrical Work). The apparent low bidder's subcontract information will be opened and read aloud at the bid opening.

Bids for this contract shall be submitted in a separate sealed envelope with the name of the contract clearly noted on the outside of the envelope. Bids shall be accompanied by a certified check or bid bond in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the total Base Bid, made payable to the Suffolk County Comptroller. This bid bond will be held as a guarantee that in the event the bid is accepted and contract awarded to the Bidder, the contract will be duly executed and properly secured. **E-MAILED BIDS WILL BE CONSIDERED UNRESPONSIVE.**

Awards will be made to the lowest responsive and responsible Bidder in conjunction with Section A4-14 of the Suffolk County Administrative Code establishing an optional ten percent (10%) local (Nassau/Suffolk) preference program for Suffolk County contracts.

The bids shall be delivered in person, by the Bidder or his agent, at the time and place stated.

NOTE: Notice to Bidders and Bid Results are posted on the Suffolk County Web Site at <http://www.suffolkcountyny.gov>. Go to Department Directory link and scroll down menu to choose Public Works. Then click on Bids and Contracts. Bid Results will not be given out over the telephone. You are requested to access the County website for this information. If you are not in attendance at the bid opening, please be patient while we process and post the results. Results will typically be posted within 24 hours after the bid opening.

Please note that all construction projects over \$250,000 advertised after July 17, 2008, will be subject to training requirements pursuant to Section 220-h of the NYS Labor Law. Please note that all construction contracts involving construction, reconstruction, improvement, rehabilitation, installation, alteration, renovation, demolition of, or otherwise providing for any building, facility or physical structure of any kind with a value in excess of \$250,000 will be subject to Apprenticeship Training Program requirements pursuant to Article 23, Section 816b of the NYS Labor Law and Suffolk County Resolution No. 1866-2014, specifically requiring graduate of apprentice(s) in the trade(s) called for within the construction contract within specified time period preceding the bid date of project. **A PRE-BID MEETING WALK THRU WILL BE CONDUCTED AT THE PLANT HELD ON THURSDAY FEBRUARY 22, 2024, AT 10:00 AM.**

The Commissioner of Public Works reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Any questions regarding this project shall be directed to Lars Augustin, P.E. (Project Manager) via email at laugustin@cfnet.com and cc Janice McGovern, P.E. (Chief Engineer) at Janice.McGovern@suffolkcountyny.gov.

CHARLES J. BARTHA, P.E., COMMISSIONER
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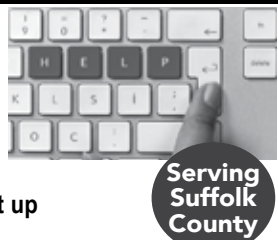
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