



# E NEWSLETTER

## SOUTHAMPTON TOWN BOARD MEMBERS

Jay Schneiderman, Supervisor  
John Bouvier, Councilman • Christine P. Scalera, Councilwoman  
Stan J. Glinka, Councilman • Julie Lofstad, Councilwoman



### DEAR COMMUNITY MEMBERS,

Through this E-Newsletter, the offices of the Supervisor and Town Council look forward to providing you with engaging news and information about Town events, programs, policies and initiatives. Our goal is to provide a communication tool that not only provides timely information, but helps to strengthen Southampton's community connection to local government.

General information about our town may be found online at the Town's website [www.southamptontownny.gov](http://www.southamptontownny.gov)



### KEEPING IT CLEAN WHILE GOING "GREEN"

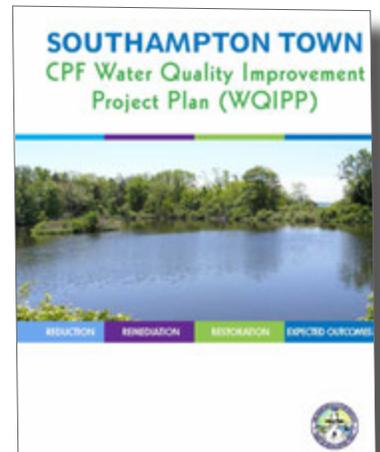
Southampton Town is hoping to do its part to reduce pollutants while maintaining our parks. Southampton Town Councilwoman Christine Scalera and the Town's Parks & Recreation Department are working with Quiet Communities, a non-profit organization based in Massachusetts, to establish a Green Zone at the East Quogue Village Green on Montauk Highway in East Quogue. In an effort to reduce the use of gas-powered maintenance equipment, such as leaf blowers, a Green Zone at this location will prohibit the use of certain gas-powered equipment and opt for electric-powered machines instead, the first of its kind in the Town.

"Establishing a Green Zone at the East Quogue Village Green is a starting point to test innovative equipment and techniques that would improve the quality of life for residents in terms of noise and air quality, which is consistent with the action goals of the Town's Sustainability Plan," stated Scalera.

As part of the Town's agreement with Quiet Communities, they will provide an orientation program and training for Parks Staff, gather inventory of the existing landscape, evaluate impacts of pollutants, provide design solutions in the replacement of equipment, certify the "Green Zone" and provide a one year American Green Zone Alliance (AGZA) municipal membership. For more information on the Green Zone contact Councilwoman Christine Scalera at 631-287-5745.

### VOTERS WILL DECIDE ON WATER PROTECTION FUNDS

November's ballot will include a proposition affecting all five East End towns. Voters will decide if 20% of the Community Preservation Fund can be used to improve water quality in our bays and other waterways. Funding for the Community Preservation Fund is generated through the 2% real estate tax on most real estate transactions and is used primarily to preserve open space, farmland and other historical properties. If approved by voters, 20% of the CPF could be reserved to clean up our bays, ponds, rivers and streams. It could amount to \$10 to \$12 million annually in Southampton alone.



The Town recently unveiled its three-tiered plan for utilizing this funding were it to be approved by the voters. The plan proposes upgrading residential and commercial septic systems through a rebate program, to develop a plan to remediate water quality in the bays and other waterways and to establish a comprehensive plan to restore habitat. "This referendum could help us bring back the pristine quality of the bays that we once enjoyed," said Supervisor Jay Schneiderman. "It also will help us preserve the environment for future generations."

You can read a copy of the Water Quality Improvement Plan (CPF Referendum) online at [www.southamptontownny.gov/CPF-WQIPP](http://www.southamptontownny.gov/CPF-WQIPP)

### TRI-ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAM KICKS OFF IN SOUTHAMPTON

Amid the sizzling summer heat, the Town of Southampton launched a new energy efficiency initiative that helps residents cut down on their electric bills. Three exciting programs found at [www.tri-energy.org](http://www.tri-energy.org) are available to increase homeowner energy efficiency, encourage adoption of solar, reduce impact on the electric GRID and lower monthly electric bills. The program includes a free energy audit, free solar evaluation and a peak power hour that encourages residents to turn up the thermostat by two degrees and join the community at an outdoor event to beat the heat. These proactive steps will help reduce brownouts during high demand. "We want to encourage energy conservation and help you save money on your electric bill," said Supervisor Jay Schneiderman. "We think this is a smart way to reduce the increasing power demand on the East End."



**Tri-Energy.org**  
Energy at work for you in Southampton

## CALLING ALL BUSINESSES — BUSINESS ADVISORY COUNCIL ENCOURAGES YOU TO “THINK LOCAL”

When you shop local, the money stays local. That’s the idea behind a new movement to help the local economy. Councilman Stan J. Glinka, the Town’s Business Advisory Council (BAC), and the Southampton Business Alliance have launched a “Think Local” campaign designed to encourage residents and visitors to shop locally and raise awareness of the benefits of keeping local dollars within our community.

“Everyone laments the loss of shops on our Main Streets, but they don’t seem to equate this to their own spending habits. Online retailers may seem like a convenient alternative, but they’re not creating any local jobs or sponsoring a local Little League team,” commented Councilman Glinka. “Think Local is also more than just retail, it’s using a local landscaper, a local accountant, eating at local restaurants, buying produce from a local farm stand and more,” said Councilman Glinka.



To date, over 60 businesses have signed up to be a part of the “Think Local” initiative. Once the website is launched, each participating business will be listed and each business will display the “Think Local” decal in their store.

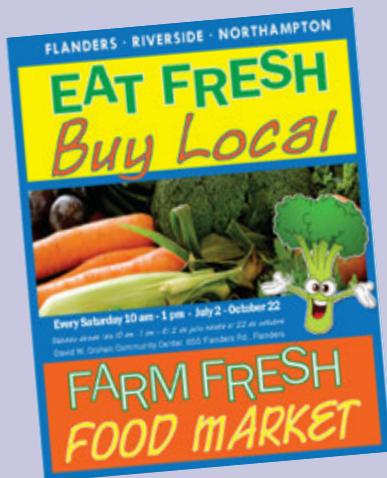
Businesses interested in more information on the “Think Local” campaign may contact Councilman Glinka at 631-287-5745.



## TOWN PLANS TO MAKE A BIG SPLASH WITH ITS NEW MARINE EDUCATION CENTER

Residents will soon have the opportunity to get hands-on lessons on how to save the bays at the new Tiana Bayside Marine Education and Outreach Center. The old police sub-station on Dune Road on Tiana Bay is being renovated to house the new program. The Town will work with the Cornell Marine Center to create a small shellfish nursery, laboratory, touch tanks, eel and beach grass nursery and amenities to support local visitors interested in learning more about mariculture operations and other ongoing marine programs. Solar and wind electrical generation will also be demonstrated.

The site is currently being used as a community shellfish garden for local members involved with the SPAT program raising oysters and scallops. The new Center is intended to build upon this very successful program administered through the Cornell Marine Center. The Center will provide a site for school visits and other interested organizations designed both to educate and encourage local residents to participate in efforts to restore our bay systems. The site is expected to be fully operational by Spring 2017. “The center will teach all of us about restoring our bays and how we can become good stewards of our environment,” said Councilman John Bouvier.



## FARM FRESH FOOD MARKET IS A HIT WITH FLANDERS RESIDENTS

Consuming more vegetables is getting easier for residents in Flanders. The Town of Southampton runs a great program called the Farm Fresh Food Market. This market doesn’t just sell produce and other artisan type items - it does so much more! The market provides a community with no grocery store in the immediate area, with easy access to fresh produce and other local foods. In addition to providing healthy accessible food options for the community, the market employs youth from the area helping them earn a paycheck, while learning about running a business, customer service and nutrition.

This market is supported by Bridgehampton National Bank and Sustainable Long Island. Please stop by and visit the market on Saturdays, from 10am to 1pm, at the Crohan Center, 655 Flanders Road in Flanders, through October 22.

“As a longtime farmer’s market vendor myself, I am very honored to be a part of this wonderful program that does so many good things for our residents,” said Councilwoman Julie Lofstad.

**JULY 2 - OCTOBER 22 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM**

## THE BEACHES AND PARKS ARE HEATING UP THIS SUMMER

The Parks & Recreation Department is having a great season! Parking permit sales were up 12% over the Fourth of July holiday weekend, and are up about 2% overall from last year. “As always, our lifeguards have been doing an outstanding job of keeping our beaches safe,” said Supervisor Jay Schneiderman. Two lifeguards, Delaney Smith of East Quogue and Hana Heavey of Hampton Bays, were recently recognized in *The Southampton Press* for pulling two young swimmers from the surf while they were off duty. “That proves our guards are always ready to jump in,” said Supervisor Schneiderman.

We also have five lifeguards, Patrick Banks, Ronan Selteneich, Genna Kovar, Kristen Darby, and Casey Crowley, who will be teaming up with the Town of East Hampton to represent the East End at the United States Lifesaving Association (USLA) National Lifeguard Championship in Hermosa Beach, California. Last year Kristen Darby placed 8th nationally in the beach flag competition. We wish them all good luck!

Pickle Ball is taking off! Each morning, a group of approximately 30-40 residents can be found playing the game at Red Creek Park in Hampton Bays. The game combines elements of several different sports. Two, three or four players use a solid paddle to hit a perforated ball, similar to a wiffle ball, on a court that has the dimensions of a badminton court, and a net and rules similar to tennis.

Parks & Recreation has a broad array of programs still open this summer. Registrants can sign-up for Acting Camp, Hip Hop Dance Camp, Summer Fun/Hampton Bays, Swimming, Sailing, Jr. Golf, Tennis, the Snapper Derby, Surfing, Windsurfing, Basketball Camp and Multi-Sport Camp. Class dates and times can be found in the summer brochure on the Town’s website [www.southamptontownny.gov/parksrec](http://www.southamptontownny.gov/parksrec)

