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Smithtown Library to move forward with public vote on capital improvement

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Smithtown Special Library District Board of Trustees adopt resolution to move forward with public vote on financing for capital improvement project

LIBRARY

Public vote to be held on Tuesday, July 1
At its May 6 special meeting, the Board of Trustees of the Smithtown Special Library District adopted a resolution to proceed with a community vote on Tuesday, July 1, on the financing of capital improvement work. The Board is proposing renovations to the Library's Smithtown Building, located at One North Country Road, to address damage caused by the catastrophic storm of August 2024.

"As most residents are aware, the Smithtown Building suffered devastating damage to its lower level due to the tremendous level of flooding experienced

from the storm," Library Director Rob Lusak said. "The lower level remains unusable and in need of significant renovations. It is our hope to reimagine and rebuild the space so that it can once again serve as a vital resource for the community."

Funding will be used to renovate the space to house the Library's LearnLab (the makerspace area), a podcast studio for community use, study areas and room for Literacy Suffolk, which provides literacy services to adults.

Additionally, the lower level will accommodate the Library's newly established Government Services Department, which will house the Patent and Trademark Resource Center and Passport Acceptance Facility. It will also house the Library's new Federal Depository Library collection, which will provide free and open access to government documents.

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Trotta running to replace incumbent as Smithtown supervisor

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At the June 24 Republican primary, Suffolk County Legislator Rob Trotta (R, Fort Salonga) is running to replace incumbent Ed Wehrheim (R, Kings Park) as the Republican candidate for Town of Smithtown supervisor.

POLITICS

Trotta initially took office in 2014 following a lengthy career with the Suffolk County Police Department and will be term limited in November. Trotta's platform includes limited development, open-space preservation, term limits and more generally limited town government.

"They want four-story apartment buildings in downtown Smithtown," Trotta said, referring to the current administration. "Their own consultants said that the people of Smithtown and Kings Park... do not want high-density apartments. And the first thing they did was shove high-density apartments into less than half an acre."

Trotta also referenced New York Governor Kathy Hochul's (D) plan for transit-oriented development, which involves the rezoning of residential areas around train stations to incentivize housing development. This development has been the subject of much debate and has generally received mixed

reviews from suburban representatives on the state level.

"At our train stations in Smithtown, her mandate was fifteen units per acre," Trotta told TBR News Media. "They're trying to shove forty-six in a half an acre... it defies logic. They're urbanizing and making Smithtown into Queens."

When asked directly about Smithtown's affordable housing, Trotta offered an alternative response.

"When a house goes up for sale here, it sells in an hour. It's affordable to someone... there are people that can afford to live here," Trotta said. "It's just getting older! Homes will free up... when you build all of these apartments, you're robbing a generation of building equity by putting young people in those apartments."

"I'm not saying all apartments are bad," Trotta added. "I'm not against all apartments, but the proliferation of it is ridiculous."

Trotta is also running on a platform of anticorruption measures and term limits. Previously, his tenure as a police officer and legislator was marked by strict opposition to the power of the Suffolk County Police Benevolent Association. The New York Times even reported in 2021 that Trotta's foremost motivation in running for the Suffolk County Legislature in 2014 was to

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File photo.

Supervisor Wehrheim wants a chance to finish what he has started

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Two-term incumbent Town of Smithtown Supervisor Ed Wehrheim (R, Kings Park) is running in the Republican primary for a third term on June 24. After taking office in 2018, Wehrheim has taken action to improve fiscal stability, revitalize business districts and enhance infrastructure.

Prior to his two terms as supervisor, Wehrheim was born into a three-generation Kings Park family before serving in Vietnam, gradually rising through Smithtown Department of Parks bureaucracy and eventually serving as a town councilmember. In an interview with TBR News Media, he

emphasized the importance of continuing what he considers to be a productive two terms.

"I'm running on our record of accomplishments with the administration here in the Town of Smithtown," Wehrheim said. "I've been around the government since 2003 here in Town Hall, and I think [voters] would verify that I'm very approachable at any time, and public service is very high... I'm here to do the best job I can for the Town of Smithtown taxpayers and will continue to do so."

Wehrheim noted the importance of continuing his work on a few issues. Namely,

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Brookhaven Environmental Group calls for landfill closure

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On Monday, June 9, the Brookhaven Landfill Action and Remediation Group (BLARG) rallied outside the Brookhaven Town Hall in Farmingville to call for the closure of the Brookhaven landfill and the development of “zero -waste” solutions. Pollution from the landfill, activists argued, has endangered the health and safety of those in North Bellport, where the landfill is located, and that its closure would provide both environmental and economic benefits.

“This landfill has been with our community for fifty plus years,” said BLARG co-founder Monique Fitzgerald. She introduced herself as a proud descendant of the Setalcott Nation, which originally occupied Brookhaven’s land, and described the landfill in the minority community as “a monument to environmental racism.” The closure of the landfill, she said, had been repeatedly promised since the 1980s, but each time the landfill had been expanded instead. “It is 270 feet tall. It’s one of the tallest structures in Suffolk County.” According to Fitzgerald, Town councilmember Mike Loguercio (R, Ridge) had previously said the landfill would close in 2024.

Loguercio said, “The landfill is forecasted to close sometime in 2028, consistent with our plan” and argued activists were spreading the false

impression it could be closed sooner. He also said that as a Gold Star Family member, he objected to the setting of the rally, a memorial for fallen soldiers outside the town hall, being used for what he considered a “fanciful charade.”

William Kokell, however, who spoke at the rally as a veteran and as a member of the South Country Peace Group, said the landfill had become too large, and swift action needed to be taken to protect children’s lives. “I’ve been all over the Pacific Ocean, all over a lot of Southeast Asia. I have never ever, ever seen anything even close to that.” He said his son went to school with three young men from North Bell Port who developed cancer, attributing the disease to air and water pollution in the area.

John McNamara, who spoke as a coordinator from Christians Against Racism in the Apostolic Spirit (CARITAS), said solutions could be reached through a four-step plan toward zero waste.

Step 1, he said, is to adopt a Save Money and Reduce Trash, or SMART, program, where instead of a set fee, “you just pay money for the amount of trash that you dispose of.” Step 2 is to implement both the “Bigger, Better Bottle Bill” and the “Manufacturer’s Responsibility Bill” in the state senate and assembly. The first, he explained, would allow more kinds of bottles to be covered for recycling, while the second would incentivize manufacturers to rely more on recyclable materials and limit the use of toxic chemicals. Step 3



From left to right: BLARG cofounder Monique Fitzgerald. John McNamara, speaking as a coordinator from CARITAS, and William Kokell, speaking on behalf of South Country Peace Group. Photos by William Stieglitz

would be a townwide composting program for Brookhaven, and Step 4 would be establishing “reuse and repair” centers for people to bring no longer wanted items where others could come to pick them up.

In terms of economic benefits, McNamara argued zero-waste policies would save taxpayer money he says is currently used to ship a portion of Brookhaven’s waste off the island to landfills in Ohio, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and upstate New York. Fitzgerald also argued that the landfill, by bringing in industries like warehouses and truck terminals, and that this comes at the expense of funding needed to keep teachers employed at South Country district schools.

Loguercio, responding to the topic, said, “We would love to reach a point of zero waste, so would love everyone else in America, but it doesn’t work because the strength of the markets for recycling just don’t exist.” Fitzgerald, however, reading a statement from Zero Waste USA, argued that “communities across the US” using zero-waste policies have “cut their waste stream in half within a few short years: achieving 60%, 70% and 80% reductions.”

“We are looking for a partnership for zero waste,” said Fitzgerald. “We are looking to create, procreate, co-design, and get our hands dirty right along with the council and the town supervisor Dan Panico [R], so this is on all of us to do.”

History close at hand: The Mather House Museum

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Driving along Main Street in Port Jefferson, turn east onto East Main Street and bear right at the historic Biddle fountain reproduction onto Prospect Street. On your left at number 115 is the home of the Historical Society of Greater Port Jefferson in the John R. Mather house and grounds. Mather was a famous shipbuilder in Port Jefferson and a descendant of local shipbuilders. He built the home in the 1840s and added the present front of the house in the 1860s. His son John T. Mather bequeathed funds to create a community hospital. The J.T. Mather Memorial Hospital opened on New Year’s Eve 1929.

My wife Barbara and I were welcomed to the house by guide Cathy Duffy who began with the 1860s parlor filled with period pieces, maritime paintings and artifacts. The next room, listed as the library, includes a wonderful collection of half-hull models used as one of the first steps in ship design and construction. One of these half-hull models is of the schooner yacht “Wanderer” which was built in East Setauket in 1857 and became an infamous slaver, transporting more than 600 enslaved Africans from the west coast of Africa to Jekyll Island, Georgia in 1858. In the next room, in a case labeled “Recent Acquisitions” is a painting of the



Barbara Tyler (left), with guide Cathy Duffy (right). Photo by Beverly Tyler

“Wanderer.” This room, guide Duffy noted, is the main exhibit room for the 2025 exhibit “Treasures From Our Attic.” The “treasures” here also include hand-made quilts, costumes, samplers, and three dresses. The most interesting item was a paper dress made for an 1876 masquerade party. The dress was constructed from current issues of Harper’s Weekly and was worn by the party hostess, Mrs. James E. Bayles. Engraved pictures showing scenes of the day decorated almost every inch of space on her dress. The other two dresses

are a wedding dress and a Campfire Girl’s uniform labeled “Woodgatherers.” It includes a beaded necklace of “badges” earned.

The grounds and buildings include a tool shed with maritime tools and artifacts, the Dr. R. Sherman Mills general store and post office, and a replica of a sail loft on the lower level. The archival building includes a large collection of documents and photographs which is available to researchers by appointment.

For me, the number one attraction on the

grounds is the Spinney Clock Building, which was added to the property in 2000. Inside are more than 200 magnificent clocks donated to the historical society by Tex Spinney. The collection ranges from tall grandfather clocks to mantle clocks with beautiful hand-painted scenes. A grandfather clock, made by Tiffany, is nine feet six inches high with a fully carved case. A black marble astronomical clock includes a barometer and calendar and a mouse clock strikes “hickory, dickory, dock.” Volunteer clock enthusiasts from the Spinney Clock Collector’s Guild maintain the collection and offer classes in the care and repair of antique and newer timepieces.

When you visit the John Richard Mather house, be sure to pick up the three free “Historic Walking Tour guides that describe the homes, sites, businesses and features of the historic Port Jefferson downtown and harbor areas. Each guide covers a specific concentrated area with a minimum of walking, so enjoy this area, rich in history and beauty.

Mather’s home, the surrounding museum buildings and the consignment shop are open Wednesday – Sunday 12-4 P.M. through October 5th.

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Editorial

The lasting impact of local elections

Driving to work in the morning, we may brace ourselves for the pot-hole that, day-after-day, violently shakes our car as we drive over it. However, one day to our delight, we notice it is filled with smooth asphalt. Then, we may decide to stop for coffee at a recently opened shop before heading to work. We take a detour to avoid traffic near a new housing development.

From the pothole, to the new coffee shop, to the traffic, the rhythms of our days are shaped by our elected officials and the decisions they make on behalf of the community.

As the conduit for local news, we hear residents’ opinions on development, infrastructure, funding, open space, historical preservation, economic growth and policy. These issues are constantly topics of discussion, and rightfully so. The decisions our town and village officials make in these areas shape our lives: where we shop and live, and how much we pay in taxes. We all have opinions on the decisions local officials make. June 17 is the day we can act.

Our local elected officials have power to make changes that could impact us for r years after they leave office. As their constituents we are their guides and as voters we choose and empower the decision-makers. What do we want our community’s future to look like and which candidate will take us there?

We give local elections less thought and focus, especially when compared to the highly publicized federal elections. Over half of eligible voters turn out for federal elections while fewer than a quarter vote in local elections.

In May, residents voted on their district’s budget, and if there were available seats on the board, for school board trustees. In the Huntington Union Free School District, only about 1,000 residents voted out of the 24,000 registered voters in the district, according to the district website. That amounts to around 4%.

School board trustees could have a significant impact on the quality of education and programming. What the children in that district learn, what clubs they join, and what amenities the building offers can be altered by school boards. Our elections have concrete implications, not only during a two or four-year term, but in decades to follow.

This month, we are voting for the mayor and trustees of Port Jefferson Village and for town supervisor and several board members for the towns of Smithtown and Huntington. In November, we will vote for our congress members, assembly members and senators.

To work towards what we envision for our community, and to protect the parts we value, we must do our part and vote.



Letters to the Editor

Nonprofits and the car show community?

Recently, I attended the Drive for Dana car show at the Smithhaven Mall. The strength and support of the car community that comes out to support a charity is incredible. Every weekend, actually every night of the week, there are shows. On many nights there are multiple events at different spots on Long Island. They are free to attend as a spectator and at regular events free to show your car. But wait until it’s about a charity. More cars arrive, more money is raised and at the Drive for Dana event more auction items are bought.

I have been promoting the idea of a motorsports park on Long Island. Currently, I have been assisting with public relations and announcing. As we enter the fifth year of racing in Calverton it has become very clear that the car, race car, show car, high-performance street car community is very strong. Besides the generosity seen at the car shows, there is an amazing amount of driving skills shown.

It’s definitely a feel-good story when monies are raised for a charity, but that’s only a portion of the story.

Long Island’s history and development of auto racing has led to many careers. We have seen some drivers move on to the professional level. Years ago, Steve Park enjoyed racing in Nascar, and today we have Justin Ashley running a Top Fuel Dragster.

The racing we enjoy at Calverton on the 7,000-foot runway that Grumman used when they were on Long island hosting drag racing (most cars are street legal, Drifting), the cars have more safety equipment than many others and Go-karts. From the cute 5-year olds to the much older that race around the country and a few even beyond that.

Long Island at one point had multiple circle tracks (now we have one), multiple drag-racing facilities and even a road course track that held a Formula One race. Are the race tracks as strong as they once were? No. Is the car community as far reaching as it once was? From what I see at these car shows and race events, it may not be as big, but there is a huge interest. The positives are community, careers and the economic benefit.

*Brian Cohen
Three Village*

DA Tierney, elder parole, redemption and compassion

A few weeks ago Suffolk County District Attorney Ray Tierney released a powerful statement warning of dangers he sees lurking in the Second Look Act, Earned Time Act, and Elder Parole Act.

He said, “These measures, cloaked as compassionate reforms, prioritize criminals over the security of law-abiding New Yorkers and, in the process, once again drag grieving families and victims into a never-ending cycle of parole hearings and reconsideration of previously imposed sentences, for the sole purpose of drastically reducing sentences for

violent, dangerous offenders.”

Specifically mentioning the Elder Parole Act, Tierney continued, ”This bill grants automatic parole hearings every two years to inmates who are 55 and older, and who have served 15 years in prison, regardless of the crime they were convicted of. Murderers, rapists, even cop killers would get a shot at freedom just for aging behind bars. This bill eliminates life without parole for serial and mass murderers.”

Hoping for redemption is a noble goal, but how that “hope” is viewed by loved ones grieving their murdered law enforcement family members should be taken into consideration. Over the last 8 years they’ve been forced to witness 43 convicted killers released from prison.

NYS legislators considering voting for this bill should speak to the mothers, daughters, wives, husbands or children of these fallen heroes. State pols must show proper respect and consideration for these victims.

How about offering those innocents something other than the continued heartbreaking prospect of reliving the tragic loss of loved ones every 24 months.

New York State currently has 16 members sitting on the parole board. There’s room for 3 more. Let’s offer one or more of those spots to relatives trying to overcome their tragic loss. Given that great hardship, it would seem they’ve earned a properly weighted voice in this discussion. Perhaps some of the current 16 could gain a new and better understanding of how difficult a prisoner’s release can be on those surviving their loss.

Our highly respected, local DA, Ray Tierney, looks to seek justice not vengeance for victims who’ve suffered at the hands of criminals. He is on the front lines dealing with the aftermath of some truly heinous crimes. Tierney consoles those harmed while prosecuting those charged. His warnings should not be taken lightly.

If memory serves, much of disgraced Gov. Andrew Cuomo’s (D) “criminal justice reforms” were sold on the lofty theme of redemption. If these kinds of grand ideas are going to be tried, we cannot forget those whose lives are devastated, when those grand ideas horribly fail them. At the very least, they’re innocent victims worthy of our compassion.

*Jim Soviero
Setauket*

In response to Drew Biondo’s letter from June 5 edition of TBR

He may call it “silly season,” but spreading misinformation, spin, and false claims isn’t silly, it’s dishonest. Port Jefferson deserves facts, not political games or distractions from real issues.

Let’s set the record straight on PASSPort, a first-of-its-kind municipal rideshare service created for Port Jefferson. Like every other municipal transit program in the country, it wasn’t meant to turn a profit. It was about accessibility, safety and smarter mobility. It worked, residents used it, and they appreciated

it. On May 1, 2023, then Trustee Lauren Sheprow voted in favor of PASSPort, along with the entire Board of Trustees. She even requested a test ride and had only positive things to say. Now to attack the program she helped approve isn’t just disingenuous, it’s political.

Regarding the ballot issue, Mayor Sheprow was removed not by opponents but by the Board of Elections for failing to properly complete and file her own petitions, a basic, legal requirement every candidate must meet.

Let me be clear, neither I nor anyone from my campaign has ever created or used a fake social media profile. I’ve run this campaign the way I’ve served, openly and with integrity.

Yes, I was asked by the village to use my photography to help promote the Dickens Festival. It was discussed in public meetings, disclosed to our auditor, and unanimously approved by the board where I recused myself. The images remain village property and continue to support our most cherished community event.

While Mr. Biondo claims I’ve been “disengaged,” I’ve continued serving our community through volunteer work, civic participation and staying connected with residents. Leadership isn’t just about holding office; it’s about consistent service.

As for the Maryhaven project, our process was transparent with full disclosure and open dialogue from day 1. We held a public meeting where the developer’s request was thoroughly explained. Contrast that with what we learned from another developer, who said Mayor Sheprow promised him annexation approval a year ago, something the public didn’t hear about until March 2025, only after a resident discovered it. That’s not transparency.

What should also concern us are closed-door executive sessions used for questionable purposes.

Port Jefferson deserves true transparency and open government led by a mayor who will stand for honesty, accountability and integrity. That’s what I’ve delivered, and that’s what I’ll continue to fight for.

*Kathianne Snaden
Port Jefferson*

Correction : The article, “Rally at Harbor Road”, which appeared in the June 5th issue, incorrectly stated that Brookhaven found a title report signed by Gloria Rocchio. In fact, Brookhaven comissioned the title report. The document with Rocchio’s signature was an easement contract.

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Opinion

The magic that resides within us and the foul balls we bring home

Why do we go to baseball games? Oooh, pick me! Pick me! I can answer. Of course you can. You're writing this piece. Okay, let's talk about the appeal of baseball.



**D. None
of the above**
BY DANIEL DUNAIEF

First of all, there's the potential for anything baseball related to happen. I might see a triple play, a no hitter, a perfect game, four home runs in a row, eight consecutive strike outs, or something other collections of fans have either never seen or rarely witnessed.

We recently attended a minor league game in which two runners scored on a sacrifice fly to deep

center field.

Baseball is an endless series of what-if moments, as in, what if the batter hits the ball to third base with runners on first and third and one out. Is it hit hard enough for a double play

based on the speed of the runners, the score at the time, and the movement of the runner on third?

The combination of athleticism and strength bring different qualities to the game. Sure, people who are big and muscular can hit a ball hard, but can they get a good jump when they're running from first or second base, can they cover a larger strike zone, and can they be satisfied with a single or double instead of a towering home run?

Then, there's the aesthetic appeal of the stadiums, with bright lines going out from home plate to the outfield, defined base paths, and a shimmering outfield grass (if it's real grass), where fleet-footed fielders race to track down balls.

Two questions immediately occur to me as I reach my seat. The first is how good the view is relative to the field. Can I see pitches clearly? Can I track balls from home plate to all parts of the field?

The second is whether I'm in prime foul ball territory. Admittedly, that's a tougher question to answer, especially with all the screens that

have now gone up around the infield.

There is something about balls flung from these fields of dreams that imbues them with a power far in excess of their raw materials. Is it the perfect weight in our hands? Is it the feel of the gently raised seams? Or, perhaps, it's the combination of the white hard outer layer, the red seams, and the blue from the logo, the official major league baseball lettering and the signature of current commissioner Robert Manfred, Jr.

Sure, free stuff in general is fun to catch, but something about these baseballs makes bringing them home particularly rewarding, giving us a physical connection to the game.

Maybe it's the stories we can tell about how the baseball came from a particular hitter or a specific game. Or maybe the balls, like the game itself, contain within them the power of the what-if.

Have you ever seen people after they've caught a ball at a game? They can't help smiling, often examining it closely, as they look for where a bat struck it or where it rolled across the grass or dirt.

Tossing a ball to a particularly vociferous or angry fan could serve as a pacifier. Yeah, your team is losing by 12 runs, and yes, you could have done a better job at everything because you're that much more knowledgeable about the game than everyone else, but you have a baseball in your hand. How cool is that?

The balls from America's pastime are like us. They may have similar qualities or look and feel the same, but they can and will be unique in and of themselves and as a part of a game. They could be the central part of a double play, the main character soaring through the air on a walk off home run, or the 18th pitch of a tremendous 21 pitch at bat.

These balls carry magic and hope.

And, yes, if you're wondering why I'm so rhapsodic, I caught a ball at the aforementioned minor league game. A third base coach knocked down a foul ball and tossed it directly at me in the stands. When I caught it, I handed it to my daughter, excited to share this small piece of baseball and personal history with my family and now with you. It's just a ball and yet it's so much more.

We found corn on the cob in Coney Island

Wednesday was National Corn on the Cob Day, and when I saw that, I began to salivate because I love that vegetable. We are now coming into the season when the kernels are sweet with or without butter and salt.



**Between
you and me**
BY LEAH S. DUNAIEF

Everyone eats corn differently, it seems, if you watch people devouring the offering. I bite the corn from the cob as if I were using an old fashioned typewriter, meaning in a single row from left to right. I'll eat one row, then go back, as if I were slinging a typewriter carriage to the next line, and chew straight above the first.

Others turn the cob so that they are eating in a circular fashion, one circle precisely after the other in a geometric display. Still others just plow right in, chewing wherever their teeth land. They eventually clean off the whole cob.

I guess one could tell a lot about the corn eater's personality by watching the pattern of consumption from the cob.

My favorite corn on the cob story takes place in the late 1940s on a freezing January day. My dad, who grew up in the mountains and loved the cold, brisk air, would put on his heavy winter coat and take my mother, my brother, my sister and me to Coney Island.

It was always on a Sunday, when he had off from work. The ride tickled my mother, who thought it was an extraordinary price on the subway for the same 15 cent token that one paid just to go one stop, so that typically would be part of the conversation on the trip

to Brooklyn from our apartment in Midtown Manhattan.

When we emerged from underground, the wind and cold would initially take our breaths away, but before long, we acclimated. We followed my dad down to the beach and watched the wild waves plunge into the shore with a roar and lots of foam, then recede meekly only to repeat the fury. It was Nature showing its dramatic face.

It was also intensely cold.

After a few minutes of beach walking, we would head toward Nathan's Hot Dog stand, one of the few stores open in the winter. This one Sunday, we were in for a surprise. In the narrow alley between Nathan's and the next building was a man with a cauldron on what I guess was an electric burner, steam pouring from the pot. As we drew near, we could see butter, salt and napkins on the stand.

When my dad cleared a hole in the steam and peered into the pot, he expressed some happy surprise. "Where did you get corn on the cob in January?" he queried the man holding the tongs.

"They are in the frozen food section of some of the supermarkets," the man explained. Frozen foods were just beginning to appear in markets at that time.

"Do they taste the same?" my dad asked.

"Try one," the fellow offered and plucked one from the boiling water, putting it on a piece of white paper.

When it had cooled enough to bite into the cob, my dad approved the purchase and we all ate those steaming corn with butter and salt, crowding around the cauldron for warmth. I still remember those corn as the sweetest as any I had ever tasted in the summer.

Besides, they warmed my hands.



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Former PTA President from Holbrook arrested for alleged grand larceny

Suffolk County District Attorney Raymond A. Tierney announced on June 6 that Pamela McManus, 42, of Holbrook, was arrested and arraigned for Grand Larceny in the Third Degree for allegedly stealing over \$27,000 from a Sachem School District Elementary School Parent Teacher Association.

According to the investigation, McManus served as President of the Nokomis Elementary School PTA from July 1, 2021, to June 30, 2024. During that time, and continuing past the expiration of her term as President, McManus had sole access to the PTA bank account through a Visa Debit Card.

In October 2024, when McManus turned over access to the bank account to other PTA board members, it was discovered that McManus had allegedly and unlawfully used PTA funds to pay for numerous personal expenses, including purchases from Amazon, Walmart, Target, Verizon Wireless, PSEG, Sephora, and Dick’s Sporting Goods.

It is also alleged that on numerous occasions, McManus stole cash directly

from the PTA bank account by making unauthorized withdrawals when school was not in session, such as during summer break and holiday breaks.

McManus is alleged to have stolen over \$27,000 from the organization over the course of her three-year term as president.

On June 5, 2025, McManus surrendered to the District Attorney’s Office and was arraigned before Acting County Court Judge Jennifer A. Henry on one count of Grand Larceny in the Third Degree, a Class D felony. Her offense is considered non-bail eligible under New York State law, and therefore, she was released on her own recognizance. McManus is being represented by Jonathan Scher, Esq, and is due back in court on July 10, 2025.

“Parent Teacher Associations are an integral part of our school communities throughout Suffolk County,” said District Attorney Tierney. “The allegations in this case represent a disturbing betrayal of trust, and my office will continue to hold accountable those who unlawfully abuse their positions for personal gain.”

— SUFFOLK COUNTY D.A.’S OFFICE

POLICE BLOTTER

The following incidents have been reported by Suffolk County Police:

Man found dead in Shoreham pool Id’d

Suffolk County Police Homicide Squad detectives have positively identified the man found deceased in an East Shoreham pool on Pal Ct. on May 25 as Matthew Zoll, the 23-year-old man that went missing after stabbing his father to death in Rocky Point last November. Zoll’s cause of death has yet to be determined.

Man drowns in Nissequogue

Suffolk County Police Homicide Squad detectives are investigating the death of a man who was pulled from the water in Nissequogue on June 8. Fourth Precinct and Marine Bureau officers responded to a report of a swimmer in distress off of Long Beach Road at approximately 6:40 p.m.

Eric Soloff was pulled from the water a short time later. Soloff, 63, of Nissequogue, was transported to Stony Brook University Hospital where he was pronounced dead.

Detectives are asking anyone with information on this incident to call the Homicide Squad at 631-852-6392.

Three injured in Lake Ronkonkoma crash

Suffolk County Police Fourth Squad detectives are investigating a two-vehicle crash that seriously injured a driver and her two sisters in Lake Ronkonkoma on June 8.

Jesilynne Bauer was driving a 2010 Ford Focus southbound on Ronkonkoma Avenue, when the vehicle collided with a 2021 Jeep Gladiator traveling eastbound on the Long Island Expressway South Service Road, at 6:28 a.m.

Jesilynne Bauer, 20, along with the two passengers in the Ford, Brooke Bauer, 19, and Madysen Bauer, 16, all of Centereach, were transported to Stony Brook University Hospital for treatment of serious but non-life-threatening injuries.

The driver of the Jeep, Jay Perez, 27, of Shirley, and the passenger in the Jeep, Elizabeth Gutierrez, 54, of Shirley, declined medical treatment at the scene. Both vehicles were impounded for a safety check. Any one with information on this crash is asked to contact the Fourth Squad at 631-854-8452.

Multiple people injured in Smithtown crash

Suffolk County Police Fourth Squad detectives are investigating a two-vehicle crash that injured multiple people, two of them seriously, in Smithtown on June 7.

Thomas Cahill was driving a 2020 Kia Optima northbound on Route 25A when a 2020 Honda

CRV, traveling westbound on River Heights Drive, made a left turn in front of the Kia, which caused the vehicles to collide at 10 p.m.

Cahill, 46, and his passenger Michael Cahill, 9, both of Kings Park, were transported to Good Samaritan University Hospital in West Islip for treatment of minor injuries.

All occupants of the Honda, residents of Middle Village in Queens, NY, were transported to Stony Brook University Hospital. The driver, Pietro Colombo, 86, suffered minor injuries. The front passenger, Veto Colombo, 56, was not injured. Two passengers in the back, Maria Colombo, 76, and Rosalia Colombo, 78, suffered serious injuries. Another passenger in the back, Angela Colombo, 55, suffered minor injuries.

Both vehicles were impounded for a safety check. Anyone with information on this crash is asked to call 631-854-8452.

Moriches woman found shot to death

Suffolk County Police have arrested a Ridge man for killing a woman in Moriches on June 6.

A woman called 911 on June 6 after finding her daughter, Rebecca Roth, dead of a gunshot wound in a Hyundai Elantra in the Tall Oaks Apartments parking lot outside their residence in Moriches, at 8:20 a.m. Roth, 33, was pronounced dead at the scene.

Homicide Squad detectives arrested James Quininchetta, who allegedly killed Roth over a debt of \$1,500, according to authorities, on June 7. Quininchetta, 40, of Ridge, was charged with Murder 2nd Degree.

Melville man scammed out of \$4,000

Suffolk County Crime Stoppers and Suffolk County Police Financial Crimes Unit detectives are seeking the public’s help to identify and locate the person who stole money from a Melville man’s bank account.

The Melville resident was contacted by a man who identified himself as a bank representative and told the victim his bank account had been compromised and convinced him to turn over his card for destruction and reissuance. An unknown male went to the victim’s home on May 21 to retrieve the card and PIN. A man used the card at ATMs in Garden City and Valley Stream to withdraw \$4,000 later that day.

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Miller Place senior Scully in a class by herself with top three state discus throws

At competitions in which she sets new marks for excellence, Jillian Scully surpasses everything but her own expectations.

In the last few weeks of her senior year of high school in Miller Place, Scully, 18, has bested the previous state record for throws in the discus, which held for 33 years, no fewer than three times, and hopes to do so again in her few remaining meets.

Last Thursday at Comsewogue High School in the state qualifiers, Scully defied gravity and distance yet again, propelling the discus 10 feet further than her record-shattering throw from just a few weeks earlier. Scully owns the top three longest throws in the state and is currently ranked number one in the country in high school discus.

Bill Hiney, who has been working with Scully for four years, recognized that her throw last week had the potential to set another record “as soon as I saw the height and as soon as I saw how fast it came out of her hand.”

Indeed, Hiney shot his arms up into the air while officials scampered to measure the distance.

Officials were “running backwards to put the mark down,” said Hiney, who is the Assistant Track and Field Coach during the winter and spring season at Southold High School.

So, what does someone who has set a new state record that had stood for 33 years and then reset it



Jillian Scully with Bill Hiney (left) and Miller Place head track coach Brian Manghan (right) at Comsewogue High School after she set a discus record with a throw of 184 feet and 2 inches. Photo courtesy Despina Scully

twice in the following few weeks do? Goes back to practicing, as she spent the first weekend after throwing the eighth furthest American high school throw in history working with Hiney.

“I love throwing,” said Scully. “It’s something I excel at. Everyone is so nice. It’s helped me so much to become the person I am.”

An emotional hurdle

Indeed, track and field and, in particular, the discus and the shot put has helped her overcome a generalized anxiety disorder that she’s battled

since she was five years old.

“I’ve had difficulty socializing,” said Scully, who recalled the early years when she “kept to myself and was nervous to speak to people or meet new people.”

Scully suggested that her struggles with anxiety peaked during Covid, which added to her desire to self isolate and remove herself from some of her friendships.

Competing in track helped her emerge from a self-imposed social shell.

While larger groups gathered to speak with each other before relays or other events, throwers like Scully were often on their own.

“I thought, ‘Alright, I’m not going to sit in a corner and get on my phone. I’m going to get to know people.’ Throwers are very welcoming and friendly.”

When she sees people who are anxious and struggling, she goes up to them to offer encouragement and support. “With throwers, everyone is checking on each other,” said Scully.

Support system

In addition to her parents James and Despina “Debbie” Scully, Jillian receives ongoing support from her maternal grandparents Helen and Emerson Vidal, who live a few doors away.

Scully has three more competitions in which she can continue to surpass her high school record-breaking throws.

This coming weekend, she is participating in

Jillian Scully, At a Glance

- Number of times she’s broken the state discus record: 3
- Number of remaining competitions: 3
- National High School Discus Rank: 1
- Rank for furthest high school discus throw: 8
- Age: 18
- Height: 6’1”
- Weight: 185
- College choice: LSU
- Favorite food: blackened chicken with rice
- Favorite book: “Hidden Pictures” by Jason Rekulak
- Favorite saying: Help yourself
- Favorite indulgence: Trolli gummy worms
- Favorite color: Burgundy

the state finals, while she also has under 20’s and nationals.

Scully has set her sights on the US high school record of over 198 feet.

Andy Kokhanovsky, the throwing coach at LSU, has been pleased with Scully’s progress.

“She is doing a very, very good job,” said Kokhanovsky. “She’s very gifted. Her family did a great job raising her well. She works very hard and will achieve whatever she wants to achieve.”

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TBR News Media photojournalist wins big at PCLI awards ceremony

BY TBR STAFF
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TBR News Media won its first two Press Club of Long Island awards in the history of the organization on June 5, as photographer and sportswriter Steven Zaitz won both first and second place for Best Sports Photography.

Competing with Long Island multimedia behemoth and 10th largest paper in the U.S., Newsday, Zaitz's two photos, named "Laxing Gravity" and "Loose Ball Blues", took gold and silver in the category. A winner of 15 New York Press Association awards, 13 for photography and two for Sportswriter of the Year since 2020, Zaitz was ecstatic to have been able to not only win against the stiff competition, but win twice.

"I was shocked because Newsday has so many talented photographers and their high school sports coverage is so good and voluminous," Zaitz said. "Plus, there are so many quality papers and photographers in addition to Newsday that win consistently at NYPA, so I'm honored to have won both of these prizes. I am also thrilled for our organization and hope that this is just the first two of many for TBR News Media."

The contest was judged by the San Diego Society of Professional Journalists and took place at The Fox Hollow country club in Woodbury. Many recognizable Long Island media stars were



Steven Zaitz at the Press Club of Long Island awards ceremony. Photo courtesy Steven Zaitz

entities. Overall, Stony Brook University won 17 PCLI awards.

Zaitz's top two photos ran on the front page of The Times of Huntington on April 18, 2024, and Feb. 8, 2024 respectively. Laxing Gravity depicts Northport High School boys lacrosse player Logan Cash lifted out of the air and sandwiched belligerently by two opposing Ward Melville High School players. Loose Ball Blues was taken at the Commack High School gym during the fourth quarter of an intense boys basketball game. Evan Kay of Commack, currently a pitcher on the Stony Brook University baseball team, and Northport's Brendan Fenlon, who starred for the Tigers hoops and volleyball teams, are at each other's throats to corral a loose ball. The judges commented only on Zaitz's first-place winner:

"In an extremely competitive category, the winner had it all: artful composition, color, and focus, resulting in a photo that captured the movement and physical, as well as sporting and visual impact of the moment."

Zaitz's approach has stayed consistent over his career, always searching for angles that offer a fresh perspective.

"My process during a game shoot is to look for a vantage point that is not often seen," said Zaitz, who has been a freelancer for TBR for five years. "I make educated guesses on where I think the highest drama is likely to take place and I am constantly moving around, searching for the best light, or background, or emotion."

TBR News Media Publisher and Editor in Chief Leah S. Dunaief is proud that the paper now has Long Island recognition to go along with its long history of success at the New York State level.

"Steven Zaitz makes us proud to feature his photography, both for its action and professionalism," Dunaief said. "He not only captures the right moment but also the human striving that makes his pictures glow."

on hand, as Antoinette Biordi and Shari Einhorn, both of News12 Long Island, hosted and took turns calling out the winners. National baseball writer and Newsday-based David Lennon won first place for Best Sport Feature about a Hofstra alumna and professional baseball umpire Jen Pawol, and Newsday TV reporter Virginia Huie won nine awards in total, including top prize for the prestigious Video Reporter of the Year award.

John Hildebrand, senior education writer for Newsday; Ellen Mitchell, a reporter for WCBS Newsradio; and Timothy Bolger, the editor-in-chief of both the Long Island Press and Dan's Papers, were inducted into the Long Island Journalism Hall of Fame during this year's ceremony.

Held since 1982, the PCLI awards ceremony has recognized excellence in Long Island journalism for over 40 years and they hand out several scholarships to high school content creators. The Stony Brook Statesman won gold for Best College Newspaper and The Stony Brook Press won top prize for Best Magazine — an award that is open to all Long Island publications, professional as well as student-run



Top right: The first-place winning photo. Above: the second-place winning photo. Photos by Steven Zaitz



File photo.

Trotta

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investigate the police department.

"I'm honest, I'm trustworthy, and I'm cheap," Trotta said. "I will watch after every dollar... I'll watch every dollar of tax money, and I'll root out any corruption."

Lastly, Trotta plans to prioritize public-space management and expansion. As a Suffolk County legislator, such actions have been a major part of his tenure.

"I've been responsible for over 400 acres being preserved in the town of Smithtown," Trotta said. "People moved here for the suburban lifestyle, not an urban lifestyle."

Wehrheim

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he intends to prioritize continued fiscal stability and overhauling community parks.

"Smithtown is a fiscally stable town, and we've had an AAA bond rating since I took office in 2018," Wehrheim said. The AAA bond rating is the highest financial distinction. "We have completely overhauled the parks and recreation facilities in Smithtown, and we are at this point about 75% complete."

Wehrheim also stands behind his administration's work on business district revitalization. This issue stands to substantially affect this primary, considering Wehrheim's opponent's general opposition to substantial further development.

"St. James' downtown revitalization has been completed," Wehrheim said. "We're working on completing the renovations of the Kings Park business district, and the engineering plans for Smithtown and Nesconset are in the early stages."

He also took care to address some matters expected to arise in the near future. In Wehrheim's view, the most pressing issues facing the town are the closure of the Town of Brookhaven landfill and the resulting solid-waste crisis, alongside the need for storm-safe infrastructure as Long Island weather becomes more severe.

"All of Long Island is going to be faced with a solid-waste crisis, caused by the Brookhaven landfill due to be closed in two

years... That is a pressing issue because of the cost to ship this material off the island... There are many, many entities working on remedies for that, but it is a pressing issue. The Suffolk County Supervisors Association is working diligently with state and federal officials to come up with an answer for how we would do that economically," Wehrheim said.

"As everybody knows, the storms on Long Island have become increasingly severe, which causes intense rainfall," he added. "All of the drainage structures throughout the whole road system, not just in Smithtown but in most towns in Suffolk County, were designed and engineered to take a two-and-a-half-inch rainstorm. So they're inadequate. We're in the process with our highway department of starting to replace those drainage structures and the infrastructure under the roadways to be able to accept more in line with a four- or five-inch rainstorm."

Wehrheim also drew a strict contrast between his campaign and that of his opponent, Suffolk County Legislator Rob Trotta (R, Fort Salonga).

"At this point, my opponent is running on open space and burying electric lines. That's basically what his campaign is about," Wehrheim said. "I am running for reelection on my record of accomplishments and how I have conducted my governmental operation here in the Town of Smithtown for residents... I think any resident you call will tell them that, if they call here, they get an answer back."

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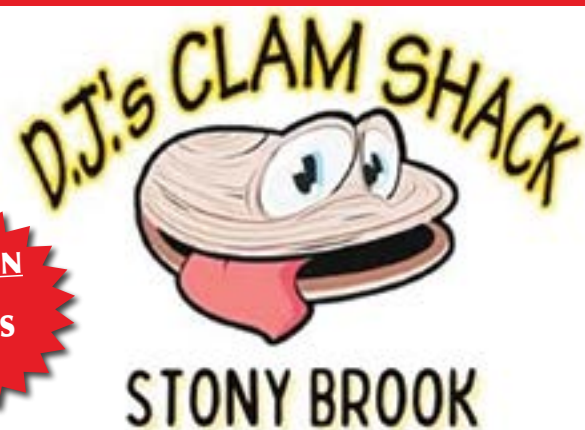


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Defiant Joy embraced at Long Island Pride Parade and Festival

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“We won’t be erased,” shouted attendees on June 8 at the 35th Annual Long Island Pride Parade, led in the chant by parade co-founder David Kilmnick. The parade’s theme of Defiant Joy, explained LGBT Network CEO Robert Vitelli, was aimed at being “defiant in the face of being told we don’t exist.”

Rainbow-clad cars and marchers made their way down Huntington’s Main Street with flags, balloon arches and floats, all to the cheers of attendees stretching from Clinton Avenue to Spring Road. Local organizations, including activist groups, businesses, synagogues and churches, marched with banners of support, while others performed live music or danced on roller skates. The march flowed directly into the pride festival at Heckscher Park, where attendees were met with many activities.

Attendees could enjoy food trucks and vendor booths, congregate at the beer garden or take photos against pride-themed backgrounds. A kids’ zone featured a bounce house, inflatable slide and balloon arches to run through in every color of the rainbow. And The Hecksher Museum of Art, located inside the park, offered free admission to their new “All of Me with All of You” exhibit, featuring work from over 90 LGBTQ+ artists. The collection, explained museum Director Heather Arnet, features art ranging from the mid-19th century to modern day, with the oldest piece being sculptor Emma Stebbin’s marble bust of

her romantic partner Charlotte Cushman.

The festival’s biggest feature, however, was the performances on the Chapin Rainbow Stage. Co-hosted by the “mermaid of New York” drag queen Bella Noche and “CBS News New York” John Dias, the show featured the Long Island Gay Men’s Chorus, performances from the musicals “Fowl Play” and “Anything Goes” and “RuPaul’s Drag Race” queens Tina Burner and Kori King, the latter of whom went into the audience and wooed the crowd with death drops. The audience was also treated to songs from the parade’s grand marshals, “The Voice” finalist Shye Roberts and singer-songwriter Ryan Cassata, who both have local roots. “The LGBT Network really saved my life,” said Cassata, “and it’s a big part of my success.”

Other guests included local poet and Stonewall Uprising veteran Rita Rusty Rose. “I’ve been here since the very beginning, when Steven [Heneghan] and them formed Long Island Pride,” said Rose. “It’s more important to be out and about right now with the political pressure and the hate that we have.”

Kilmnick echoed this sentiment, urging resistance against political efforts of erasure. He spoke on how he and others fought in court to establish the first parade in 1991 and how he now works to oppose actions such as the removal of Long Island native Harvey Milk’s name from a navy ship, who was the first openly gay man to be elected to public office in California and was later assassinated. “[It’s] not a time to be nice,” Kilmnick said. “But it’s a time to love.”



THE LGBT Network Float, with Bella Noche at the front. —Photo by William Stieglitz



The Family Zone for younger kids. —Photo by William Stieglitz



Hecksher Museum of Art Director Heather Arnet with a piece by Amy Adler. —Photo by William Stieglitz

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NOTICE OF SPECIAL DISTRICT MEETING VOTE OF THE SMITHTOWN SPECIAL LIBRARY DISTRICT, IN THE TOWN OF SMITHTOWN, SUFFOLK COUNTY, NEW YORK

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a resolution of the Board of Trustees of the Smithtown Special Library District (the “Library District”), in the Town of Smithtown, Suffolk County, New York, adopted on May 6, 2025, a Special District Meeting Vote of the qualified voters of the Library District will be held on Tuesday, July 1, 2025 from 9:30 o’clock A.M. (Prevailing Time) to 9:00 o’clock P.M. (Prevailing Time) at the following four (4) polling places.

1. Qualified voters residing: within zip code 11780; within zip code 11788 who reside SOUTH of Route 347, Nesconset Highway; within zip code 11787 who live EAST of Blydenburgh County Park, Caleb Smith State Park and Route 25A (St. Johnland Road) and SOUTH of Landing Road (NOTE: those who reside in the area serviced by the Emma S. Clark Memorial Library CANNOT vote in this election) will vote at the Smithtown Main Building, located at One North Country Road, Smithtown, NY.

2. Qualified voters residing: within zip code 11754 or 11768; and within zip code 11787 who reside NORTH of Route 25, Old Northport Road and Landing Road, WEST of Route 25A (St. Johnland Road) and EAST of Plymouth Boulevard will vote at the Kings Park Branch, located at One

Church Street, Kings Park, NY.

3. Qualified voters residing: within zip code 11725; within zip code 11788 who reside SOUTH of Veterans Memorial Highway; and within zip code 11787 who live WEST of Blydenburgh County Park, Caleb Smith State Park and Plymouth Boulevard will vote at the Commack Branch, located at 3 Indian Head Road, Commack, NY.

4. Qualified voters residing: within zip code 11767; who live SOUTH of Route 25 from the Smithtown-Brookhaven border to Southern Boulevard; EAST of Southern Blvd. from Route 25 to Route 347, Nesconset Highway; SOUTH of Route 347, Nesconset Highway from Southern Boulevard to the Smithtown Greenbelt Town Park; EAST of the Smithtown Greenbelt Town Park from Route 347 Nesconset Highway to the Smithtown-Islip border (NOTE: those who reside in the area serviced by the Sachem School and Library Districts CANNOT vote in this election) will vote at the Nesconset Branch, located at 148 Smithtown Boulevard, Nesconset, NY.

The voting at the Special District Meeting Vote shall be upon the following Proposition:

PROPOSITION RESOLVED:

The Board of Trustees of the Smithtown Special Library District (the “Library District”), in the Town of Smithtown, Suffolk County, New York is hereby authorized to (a) construct improvements to the Main Library Building located at 1 North Country Road, Smithtown, New York, which improvements are necessary due to catastrophic flooding resulting from a significant storm event in August 2024, at the estimated cost of not to exceed \$16,500,000; and to expend therefor, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and the financing thereof, and to reimburse prior expenditures made by the Library therefore, not to exceed in aggregate the estimated total cost \$16,500,000, plus

any additional amounts received by the Library in connection with the financing thereof, including but not limited to bond sale premiums, investment income on bond proceeds, grants, donations or charitable contributions; (b) to finance the cost of the Project through the issuance of bonds and/or notes by the Town of Smithtown on behalf of the Library District in an amount not to exceed \$16,500,000; (c) to cause the Town to assess, levy and collect therefor a tax payable in annual installments in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$1,800,000 per year, which annual installment of the tax shall be in addition to the amount presently raised annually by tax for the Library District’s annual appropriations, over a maximum period of fifteen (15) years for the payment of all principal, interest, redemption premiums, if any, and expenses relating to the financing of said cost; (d) to assign and pledge all of said tax to the Town; and (e) to enter into loan agreements and any other agreements and/or to take any and all other actions incidental or necessary to the completion of the Project and the financing thereof.

Such Proposition shall appear on the ballot used for voting at said Special District Meeting Vote in substantially the foregoing form.

The voting will be conducted by paper ballots and the polls will remain open from 9:30 A.M. (Prevailing Time) to 9:00 P.M. (Prevailing Time) and as much longer as may be necessary to enable the voters, then present, to cast their ballots. Only qualified voters shall be permitted to vote at said Special District Meeting Vote.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT every qualified voter of the Town of Smithtown who resides within the Smithtown Special Library District and is otherwise qualified to vote at a General Town Election shall be qualified to vote at said Special District Meeting Vote.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that applications for absentee ballots and early mail ballots will be available at each library building within the Smithtown Special Library District during regular business hours and may be printed from the Library’s website (www.smithlib.org). Such application must be received by the District Clerk at least seven (7) days prior to the July 1, 2025 Special District Meeting Vote if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter; or the last business day before the election if the ballot is to be personally delivered to the voter. Qualified voters may obtain an absentee/early mail ballot at the Community Relations Department in the Nesconset Building, located at 148 Smithtown Boulevard, Nesconset, NY, on days the Library is open to the public between the hours of 9:30 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. (except Saturday, Sunday and holidays) commencing June 6, 2025. A list of all persons to whom absentee/early mail ballots have been issued will be posted in the Administration Office in the Nesconset Building on each of the five (5) days prior to the July 1, 2025 Special District Meeting Vote between the hours of 9:30 A.M. and 5:00 P.M., except Saturday, Sunday and holidays. No absentee/early mail ballot shall be canvassed unless received by the District Clerk no later than 5:00 P.M. on the day of the Special District Meeting Vote.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that military voters who are qualified voters of the Smithtown Special Library District must apply for a military ballot by submitting an application which is obtainable from the District Clerk. Completed applications for a military ballot must be returned by mail or in person, and received by the District Clerk not later than twenty-five (25) days before the date of the Special District Meeting Vote. Military voters may designate a preference to receive a ballot application and/or the military ballot by mail, facsimile transmission or electronic mail. Ballots for military voters shall be

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5/7/2025
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AVISO DE LA VOTACIÓN DE LA REUNIÓN ESPECIAL DEL DISTRITO DISTRITO ESPECIAL DE BIBLIOTECAS DE SMITHTOWN, EN LA CIUDAD DE SMITHTOWN, CONDADO DE SUFFOLK, NUEVA YORK

POR LA PRESENTE SE NOTIFICA que, de conformidad con una resolución de la Junta Directiva del Distrito Especial de Bibliotecas de Smithtown (el “Distrito de Bibliotecas”), en la ciudad de Smithtown, Condado de Suffolk, Nueva York, adoptada el 6 de mayo de 2025, se llevará a cabo una Votación de Reunión Especial del Distrito de los votantes calificados del Distrito de Bibliotecas el martes 1 de julio, 2025 desde las 9:30 a.m. (hora prevaleciente) hasta las 9:00 p.m. (hora prevaleciente) en los siguientes cuatro (4) lugares de votación.

1. Votantes calificados que residen: dentro del código postal 11780; dentro del código postal 11788 que residen al SUR de la Ruta 347, Nesconset Highway; dentro del código postal 11787 que viven al ESTE de Blydenburgh County Park, Caleb Smith State Park y la Ruta 25A (St. Johnland Road) y al SUR de Landing Road (NOTA: aquellos que residen en el área atendida por la Biblioteca Conmemorativa Emma S. Clark

NO PUEDEN votar en esta elección) votarán en el edificio principal de Smithtown, ubicado en One North Country Road, Smithtown, NY.

2. Votantes calificados que residen: dentro del código postal 11754 o 11768; y dentro del código postal 11787 que residan al NORTE de la Ruta 25, Old Northport Road y Landing Road, al OESTE de la Ruta 25A (St. Johnland Road) y al ESTE de Plymouth Boulevard votarán en la sucursal de Kings Park, ubicada en One Church Street, Kings Park, NY.

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4. Votantes calificados que residen: dentro del código postal 11767; que viven al SUR de la Ruta 25 desde la frontera entre Smithtown y Brookhaven hasta Southern Boulevard; AL ESTE de Southern Blvd. desde la Ruta 25 hasta la Ruta 347, Nesconset Highway; AL SUR de la Ruta 347, Nesconset Highway desde Southern Boulevard hasta Smithtown Greenbelt Town Park; AL ESTE del Smithtown Greenbelt Town Park desde la Ruta 347 Nesconset Highway hasta la frontera Smithtown-Islip (NOTA: aquellos que residen en el área atendida por los Distritos Escolares y Bibliotecarios de Sachem NO PUEDEN votar en esta elección) votarán en la sucursal de Nesconset, ubicada en 148 Smithtown Boulevard, Nesconset, NY.

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Por la presente, se autoriza a la Junta Directiva del Distrito Especial de Bibliotecas de Smithtown (el “Distrito de Bibliotecas”), en la ciudad de Smithtown, condado de Suffolk, Nueva York, a (a) construir mejoras en el edificio de la Biblioteca Principal ubicado en 1 North Country Road, Smithtown, Nueva York, cuyas mejoras son necesarias debido a las inundaciones catastróficas resultantes de una tormenta significativa en agosto de 2024, a un costo estimado que no exceda los 16.500.000 dólares; y a gastar para ello, incluyendo los costos preliminares y los costos incidentales a los mismos y el financiamiento de los mismos, y reembolsar los gastos anteriores realizados por la Biblioteca para los mismos, sin exceder en conjunto el costo total estimado de \$16,500,000, más cualquier monto adicional recibido por la Biblioteca en relación con el financiamiento de los mismos, incluyendo pero no limitado a las primas de venta de bonos, ingresos de inversión sobre ingresos de bonos, subvenciones, donaciones o contribuciones caritativas; (b) financiar el costo del Proyecto a través de la emisión de bonos y/o pagarés por parte de la Ciudad de Smithtown en nombre del Distrito de Bibliotecas por un monto que no exceda los \$16,500,000; (c) hacer que el Municipio evalúe, imponga y recaude un impuesto pagadero en cuotas anuales por un monto total que no exceda los \$ 1,800,000 por año, cuya cuota anual del impuesto será adicional a la cantidad actualmente recaudada anualmente por impuestos para las asignaciones anuales del Distrito de Bibliotecas, durante un período máximo de quince (15) años para el pago de todo el capital, intereses, primas de reembolso, si las hubiere, y gastos relacionados con la financiación de dicho coste; (d) ceder y prenda la totalidad de dicho impuesto a la Ciudad; y (e) celebrar contratos de préstamo y cualquier otro acuerdo y/o tomar todas y cada una de

las demás acciones incidentales o necesarias para la finalización del Proyecto y la financiación del mismo.

Dicha Proposición aparecerá en la boleta utilizada para votar en dicha Votación de la Reunión Especial del Distrito en sustancialmente la forma anterior.

La votación se llevará a cabo con boletas de papel y las urnas permanecerán abiertas desde las 9:30 a.m. (hora prevaleciente) hasta las 9:00 p.m. (hora prevaleciente) y tanto tiempo como sea necesario para permitir que los votantes, entonces presentes, emitan su voto. Solo los votantes calificados podrán votar en dicha Votación de la Reunión Especial del Distrito.

TENGA EN CUENTA QUE todo votante calificado de la ciudad de Smithtown que resida dentro del Distrito de Bibliotecas Especiales de Smithtown y esté calificado para votar en una Elección General de la Ciudad estará calificado para votar en dicha Votación de la Reunión Especial del Distrito.

TENGA EN CUENTA que las solicitudes para boletas de voto en ausencia y boletas anticipadas por correo estarán disponibles en cada edificio de la biblioteca dentro del Distrito Especial de Bibliotecas de Smithtown durante el horario comercial regular y se pueden imprimir desde el sitio web de la Biblioteca (www.smithlib.org). Dicha solicitud debe ser recibida por el Secretario del Distrito al menos siete (7) días antes de la Votación de la Reunión Especial del Distrito del 1 de julio de 2025 si la boleta se va a enviar por correo al votante; o el último día hábil antes de la elección si la boleta debe ser entregada personalmente al votante. Los votantes calificados pueden obtener una boleta de voto en ausencia/correo anticipado en el Departamento de Relaciones Comunitarias en el Edificio Nesconset, ubicado en 148 Smithtown Boulevard, Nesconset, NY, los días en que la Biblioteca está abierta al público entre las 9:30 a.m. y las 5:00 p.m. (excepto sábados, domingos y

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Y POR LA PRESENTE SE DA AVISO ADICIONAL de que los votantes militares que son votantes calificados del Distrito de Bibliotecas Especiales de Smithtown deben solicitar una boleta militar presentando una solicitud que se puede obtener del Secretario del Distrito. Las solicitudes completadas para una boleta militar deben devolverse por correo o en persona, y ser recibidas por el Secretario del Distrito a más tardar veinticinco (25) días antes de la fecha de la Votación de la Reunión Especial del Distrito. Los votantes militares pueden designar una preferencia para recibir una solicitud de boleta y/o la boleta militar por correo, transmisión de fax o correo electrónico. Las boletas para votantes militares se enviarán por correo o se distribuirán de otra manera de acuerdo con el método preferido de transmisión, tan pronto como sea posible, pero a más tardar veinticinco (25) días antes de la fecha de la Votación de la Reunión de Distrito Especial (6 de junio de 2025). Independientemente del método preferido de transmisión, las boletas militares deben recibirse por correo o devolverse en persona a la Oficina del Secretario del Distrito a más tardar a las 5 : 0 0 p . m . (h o r a prevaleciente) el día de la votación de la reunión especial del distrito para que se cuenten.

5/7/2025

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NOTICE OF FORMATION, SEA-GAR FISHING LLC Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 04/29/2025. Office location: Suffolk County, New York SSNY designated as agent for service of process. SSNY shall mail copies of any process served against the LLC to: c/o the LLC, 2 Breezy Hill Drive, Fort Salonga, NY 11768. Purpose: any lawful purpose or activity

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INDEX NO: 626732/2023
D/O/F: 10/27/2023

SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS

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Plaintiff designates Suffolk County as the place of trial. Venue is based upon the County in which the property is situated.

CARRINGTON MORTGAGE SERVICES, LLC,

Plaintiff,

-against-

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TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in this action, and to serve a copy of your Answer, or, if the Complaint is not served with this Summons, to serve a Notice of Appearance on the Plaintiff’s Attorneys within twenty (20) days after service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service, where service is made by delivery upon you personally within the State, or within thirty (30) days after completion of service where service is made in any other manner, and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint.

TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: The foregoing Summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an Order of the Hon. C. Stephen Hackeling, a Justice of the Supreme Court, Suffolk County, entered April 30, 2025 and filed with the complaint and other papers in the Suffolk County Clerk’s Office.

THE OBJECT OF THE ACTION is to foreclose a

mortgage recorded int eh Suffolk County Clerk’s Office on September 12, 2014 in Liber 22524, Page 494, covering premises k/a 8 Mark Lane, Nesconset, NY 11767 a/k/a District 0800, Section 167.00, Block 05.00, Lot 010.006.

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YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT.

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LIBRARY

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“Our Library was designated as a federal depository library last summer; however, due to the flood, we were not able to allocate space for this collection,” Lusak said. “We’re pleased to make this significant addition available to the community.”

The Richard H. Handley Collection of Long Island Americana (better known to residents as the “Long Island Room”) will be relocated to the first floor of the building in museum-quality shelving with temperature and humidity controls, UV-protective glass and other archival standards in place to preserve and protect the historic documents.

The total cost of the proposed construction is not to exceed \$16.5 million. While it is anticipated that FEMA funding and/or funds from other sources will be used to pay or reimburse all or most of the improvement costs, the Library must plan to finance the full amount to ensure the project can move forward without delay, regardless of the timing or availability of outside funding.

This will be done using a combination

of bond financing (including the use of bond anticipation notes, “BANS”) to fund the work in a responsible and cost-effective manner. BANS are one-year notes that allow the Library to begin construction while it waits for reimbursement from FEMA. This approach affords the Library the flexibility to finance only that which it needs and therefore potentially reduce borrowing costs. Once the project is underway, the Town may issue long-term bonds to repay the BANS and spread the cost of the improvements over time.

Should FEMA and/or alternate funding not be available (as unlikely as that may be), the anticipated cost of the project to the average homeowner in the Smithtown Special Library District is estimated to not exceed \$36 per year for the maximum 15-year term of the financing.

The referendum will be held on Tuesday, July 1 from 9:30am to 9:00pm at all four Library buildings. Polling sites are determined by a resident’s home address and the Suffolk County election districts.

A Community Open House information session is scheduled for residents on Tuesday, June 24, from 7:00-9:00pm at the Smithtown Building, located at One North Country Road.

All Smithtown Library District residents are encouraged to attend to learn more about the proposal and ask any questions they may have prior to the vote.

“Our libraries are at the heart of the Smithtown community and provide vital resources and programs for residents of all ages,” Lusak said. “I encourage community members to learn more about the proposal

and how we are reimagining a new chapter for our building, and to participate in the vote on July 1.”

All information related to the proposal, as well as detailed voting information, can be found on the Library’s website, www.smithlib.org. A special mailer will be sent to all Smithtown Library District residents in June detailing the bond proposition.



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TO THE DEFENDANTS: The Plaintiff makes no personal claim against you in this action.

TO THE DEFENDANTS: If you have obtained an order of discharge from the Bankruptcy court, which includes this debt, and you have not

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Dated:

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Notice of formation of East End Rentals LLC. Arts of Org. filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 5/08/2025. Office location: Suffolk County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of the process to the LLC: 7014 13th Ave, Suite 202 Brooklyn, NY, 11228 Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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Notice of formation Zelaya & Son Construction LLC. Arts of Org. filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 02/18/2025. Office location: Suffolk County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of the process to the LLC: 94 Hilltop Drive, Brentwood, New York 11717. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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Elz Fractional Partners LLC Notice is hereby given that Elz Fractional Partners LLC filed Articles of Organization with the New York Department of State on March 4, 2025. The office of the LLC is located in Suffolk County, New York. The New York Secretary of State has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process to 49 Pleasant Ave, Centereach, NY 11720. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity.

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SMITHTOWN FIRE DISTRICT
NOTICE OF
ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION
SUBJECT TO
PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Smithtown Fire District, in the Town of Smithtown, Suffolk County, New York, at a meeting thereof, held on the 2nd day of June, 2025, duly adopted, subject to permissive referendum, a Resolution, an abstract of which is as follows:

The Resolution authorizes a transfer in an amount not to exceed \$40,000.00 from the Building Reserve account to the General Fund account for repairs to the apron at Station 2.

Dated:
Smithtown, New York
June 4, 2025

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
OF THE SMITHTOWN FIRE
DISTRICT IN THE TOWN OF
SMITHTOWN, SUFFOLK
COUNTY, NEW YORK

THOMAS A. BUFFA
DISTRICT SECRETARY

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The Resolution authorizes a transfer in an amount not to exceed \$1,900,000.00 from the Equipment Reserve account to the General Fund account for the purchase of one (1) new Ladder Truck with all necessary equipment.

Dated:
Smithtown, New York
June 4, 2025

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
OF THE SMITHTOWN FIRE
DISTRICT IN THE TOWN OF
SMITHTOWN, SUFFOLK
COUNTY, NEW YORK

THOMAS A. BUFFA
DISTRICT SECRETARY

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SMITHTOWN FIRE DISTRICT
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The Resolution authorizes a transfer in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00 from the Building Reserve account to the General Fund account for repairs to the roof at Headquarters.

Dated:
Smithtown, New York
June 4, 2025

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
OF THE SMITHTOWN FIRE
DISTRICT IN THE TOWN OF
SMITHTOWN, SUFFOLK
COUNTY, NEW YORK

THOMAS A. BUFFA
DISTRICT SECRETARY

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Acclaimed Spy Ring Golf Course Starts Its Second Season

One year ago, the relatively staid and predictable Long Island golf world was upended by the opening of a 9-hole course, Spy Ring Golf Club. Although the locally based developer, Heatherwood, that built the course, is an experienced golf course owner and manager, the idea that a 9-hole course could successfully compete with Long Island's array of first-class 18-hole courses seemed to many a bit far-fetched. That is, until the skeptics played a round or two and found themselves, by their own accounts, immersed in the most enjoyable golf experience of their lives.

Fast forward to today, Spy Ring Golf Club has established itself as one of the finest courses on the Island. A Tyler Rae masterpiece, the course design is uniquely formulated to appeal to a wide variety of golfers. With close-in fairway undulations on approach shots and a variety of pin placements, the course can challenge players of all handicaps. Under the watchful eye of Jimmi Conway, Heatherwood's VP of Golf Operations, the course has matured beautifully as it enters its second year.

Already recognized as a "hidden gem" by regular players last year, Spy Ring first-time players this year are amazed at the condition of the course. As part of Heatherwood's outreach to the community, two high schools claim it has their home course. Brett Thompson, varsity coach for the Comsewogue and Miller Place High School boys team, cites a series of out-of-the-ordinary aspects of playing Spy Ring. He recognizes the "meticulous" Tyler Rae design and the outstanding

staff. But he saves his greatest praise for "the way the club paces its tee times and groupings, so you never have to wait on groups in front of you or feel rushed by groups behind. This is unique among public courses, and it makes for quite an enjoyable golfing experience."

The experience is what it is all about at Spy Ring. One interesting aspect of the Spy Ring experience is the short game practice area. Tyler Rae gave golfers the challenge of navigating undulating approaches to the greens and tough pin placements, but Spy Ring gives them a fighting chance by improving their short game in a practice area like no other. Open only to those playing a round on that day, the short game practice area gets the golfer ready to face the course challenges with a focused and concentrated practice experience.



But will it get the Spy Ring competitor ready for the iconic experience of hole number 7? "Probably not," says Jimmi Conway, "Nothing can really get you ready for number 7. It's a sight to behold: the elevations, the green complex, the bunker placement. You can see the hand of a real talented golf architect in number 7." Playing the 7th hole is part of the Spy Ring experience. It's apparently the source of plenty of

good stories that golfers share at the 19th hole.



Christine Grippa, the girl's JV coach at Ward Melville High School, also calls Spy Ring her school's home course. When asked what makes Spy Ring so special, she hesitates and then closes her eyes as if she is conjuring up a few memorable course moments. "This isn't just a course that we play. It's a course where players grow," Grippa muses. "Every round here enhances their game and deepens their love and respect for what golf can be: one great experience after another."

If it seems strange that a one-year-old, 9-hole golf course has already secured a place alongside some of the best courses on the Island, that's because it is strange, strange and unprecedented. When first contemplating the details of the project, more than one golf industry expert politely suggested that Heatherwood should lower its expectations and build a nice, serviceable "pitch and put" course suited to the 55+ clientele of its new adjacent development.

"I just didn't see it that way," said Douglas Partrick, Heatherwood's Owner. "We have a first-class apartment community adjacent to the course, and we envisioned a first-class

golf amenity to go with it. We opened it to the public and made it attractive to golfers of varying skill levels. We have been delighted, but really not surprised, by the positive feedback from the playing public."

One thing is certain: Long Island golfers have been waiting a long time (over 20 years) for a new top-flight golf course open to the public. The Island has beautiful, even legendary, courses that are private only clubs. There are also more than a few outstanding public courses. But when some Spy Ring regulars were asked to compare Spy Ring to some of the more well-known public clubs, almost every golfer agreed that Spy Ring provides its golfers with a remarkable experience, different in detail, but equal in stature, to the best golf clubs in its area.

Christopher Capece, Heatherwood's President, gave a nod to the many people who combined to bring the Spy Ring dream to life. "It's not easy to complete projects of this scale on the Island. But we had a vision. We thought it was a great idea that would both benefit the Town of Brookhaven and make sense for Heatherwood."

The project includes a mix of one-two- and three-bedroom apartment homes, with an array of luxury amenities, including a club house, fitness center and the golf course. "The entire community seems happy with the outcome, especially golfers. If the looks on their faces, as they come off the 9th green, are any indication, they're definitely enjoying the full Spy Ring experience," said Jimmi Conway.