



News from Legislator Bridget Fleming

Second Legislative District

February 2017 Newsletter

Legislative Updates

Sponsored legislation adopting Local Law No. -2016, A Charter Law to improve and strengthen the operations of the Board of Ethics. (IR 2083-16)

Sponsored legislation adding a member to the Tick Control Advisory Committee. (IR 1052-17)

Co-sponsored legislation to appoint a member to Suffolk County Youth Board Coordinating Council representing Legislative District No. 2 (London Rosiere). (IR 1089-17)

Sponsored legislation adding two members to the Suffolk County Public Transportation Working Group. (IR 1120-17)

Sponsored legislation approving the appointment of Erin McGintee, M.D. as a member of the Suffolk County Board of Health. (IR 2132-16)

Co-sponsored legislation adopting Local Law No. -2017, A Local Law to ensure continuity of farmland preservation and agricultural production in Suffolk County. (IR 1025-17)

Legislator Fleming, County Health Officials and Southampton Town Conservation Board Observe New Septic Technology



Policymakers visit the site of a newly Installed Innovative Onsite Wastewater Treatment System

On February 17, 2017 Legislator Bridget Fleming and the Southampton Town Conservation Board visited the site of an Onsite Wastewater Treatment System, the Eljen Geotextile Sand Filter (GSF), on the occasion of an inspection by the Suffolk County Department of Health Services. The group discussed the advantages offered by this new system compared to that of the other systems that have also been approved by the County Health Department.

The Eljen GSF (Geotextile Sand Filter) System technology is a based-on research conducted by nationally recognized engineering scientists from the University of Connecticut. The GSF is a cost-effective upgrade from other septic technologies comprised of a proprietary two stage Bio-Matt pretreatment process; the geotextile modules apply a better-than-secondary septic tank effluent to the soil, increasing the soil's ability to accept the effluent.

In November of 2016, Suffolk County revised the residential construction standards to allow for shallow narrow drain fields to take the place of the familiar perforated precast cement leaching rings that are elements of a conventional onsite septic system.

As a part of the "Reclaim Our Waters" initiative, the Suffolk County Department of Health Services has been working to move upgraded Wastewater Treatment Systems through the approval process so that they can be implemented for both residential and commercial use. This new technology is vital to reducing contaminants and particularly nitrogen levels in our water bodies, which has been recently recognized to be a primary cause of numerous outbreaks of Harmful Algal Blooms throughout the county.

Legislator Fleming was pleased to accompany the other officials at the site. "It's gratifying to see one of our important septic reforms being implemented by a private homeowner. The shallow narrow drain field replaces the standard rings in a conventional septic system and allows natural vegetation, microorganisms and other natural elements to do the work of pulling contaminants out of wastewater, and reducing harmful contamination to our bays and harbors.

Suffolk County Deputy County Executive Peter Scully, who is heading up County Executive Steven Bellone's Reclaim Our Water initiative commented, "The installation of a Geotextile Sand Filter is another milestone in our comprehensive program to improve water quality."

Homeowner and Southampton Town Trustees Bill Pell said, "As a Southampton Town Trustee I am aware of the results of nitrates to our environment and the effects it can have on our waterways. I am excited to be the first homeowner in Suffolk County to implement this system in my home. I hope others will follow suit."

Southampton Town Conservation Chair Harry Ludlow said, "The Conservation Board is extremely interested in exploring ways that nitrogen loading can be reduced in our aquifers and our waterways".

LEGISLATOR FLEMING COLLABORATES WITH COUNTY, MUNICIPAL, AND COMMUNITY LEADERS TO COMBAT DRUG EPIDEMIC



On Monday, February 06, 2017 at 6:30 P.M. Suffolk County Legislator Bridget Fleming collaborated in conjunction with County Executive Steve Bellone, Suffolk County Department of Health Services, Suffolk County Sheriff, Thomas' Hope, HUGS, Inc., Westhampton Beach Fire Department, and the Westhampton Beach Police Department to host a NARCAN training session and prescription drug disposal at the Westhampton Firehouse; and



on Wednesday, February 15th at 6:30 P.M., in conjunction with the East Hampton Fire Department, hosted a class at the East Hampton Firehouse with over thirty people in attendance. The class was a huge success and the turnout was great, but it was very pleasing to see so many young people with their Girl and Boy Scout Troops at the training. The event was organized by Legislator Fleming in an effort to bring awareness to the heroin and opiate epidemic in Suffolk County that has been declared a public health threat to our young people, and provided training and supplied participants with NARCAN kits to enable them to administer this antidote in the event of an overdose.

LEGISLATOR FLEMING AND ATTORNEY GENERAL SCHNEIDERMAN'S OFFICE TALK FRAUD PREVENTION WITH EAST MORICHES SENIOR CLUB



On Wednesday, February 15th at 11:15 A.M. Suffolk County Legislator Bridget Fleming and Timothy Hatter from the Attorney General's office spoke to the members of the Moriches Senior Club about ways to protect themselves from the many telephone and internet scams. During the presentation Mr. Hatter told the members of the club that it's better not to answer the phone if you don't recognize the number, and NEVER give your personal information to anyone calling claiming that you won a prize.

FLEMING HONORS 104 YEAR OLD WESTHAMPTON BEACH RESIDENT



On Tuesday, February 14th Suffolk County Legislator Bridget Fleming visited the Westhampton Beach Care Center to present Evelyn Schreck, 104 years old, with a proclamation. Ms. Schreck says she enjoys the gathering of her family and friends, exercising twice a week, and having an occasional glass of red wine with company.

Fleming Honors Veteran at Hampton Bays Flag Ceremony



On Friday, January 27th, Legislator Fleming joined Hampton Bays Elementary and the American Legion, Hands-Aldrich Post 924 members to honor member Matthew Dwyer by presenting him with a flag which flies in his honor at the school for the entire month of January. Matthew Dwyer is an active member of his community and has served in many different community organizations and groups, such as the Irish America Society of the Hamptons, the Hampton Bays Beautification Association, the Hampton Bays Lions Club, Hampton Bays American Legion, St. Rosalie Church and Ancient Order of Hibernians. Matthew, a former Navy man, is the 47th veteran to be honored since the school started hosting the ceremony back in 2011. Legislator Fleming also honored Robert “Red” Murray for his years of service in the United States Army for the Month of February.

Legislator Fleming Honors SEPA Mujer for Community Work



On Friday, February 3rd at SEPA Mujer’s 8th leadership training graduation at Southampton Town Hall, Suffolk County Legislator Bridget Fleming presented the organization with a proclamation to recognize its hard work, dedication, and commitment to helping Latina women. Southampton Town members, John Bouvier, Julie Lofstad, Stan Glinka, and Police Officer Kevin Gwinn were also in attendance. The Services for the Advancement of Women (SEPA Mujer) is a community based not for profit organization dedicated to the empowerment of Hispanic immigrant women. The organization began in 1993, and since then has provided

community education, legal advocacy, training to community members, law enforcement, policymakers and service providers on issues impacting the Hispanic immigrant women on Long Island.

TICK PREVENTION

Ticks will remain active year-round (above 40 degrees Fahrenheit/4 degrees Celsius). Preventative measures should be used whenever tick exposure is likely. Here are some ways to protect yourself:

- Wear lightly colored clothing
- Wear long pants and sleeves
- Tuck your pants into your socks
- Tuck your shirt into your pants
- Use repellents as directed
- Walk along the center of trails
- Conduct frequent clothing checks
- Carefully inspect your body for ticks
- Keep pets away from tick infested areas and check them before entering the house
- Once home, dry clothing on the highest temperature setting for 10 minutes to kill ticks



Tick removal kits and information can be picked up at our District Office, located at 75 Washington Street in Sag Harbor, or by calling the Southampton Hospital Tick Borne Disease Resource Center at 631-726-TICK.

Community Events

**A Homeowner's Guide To Energy Efficiency with
Legislator Bridget Fleming and the East Hampton YMCA**



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- ✓ Get a FREE energy audit & find the areas where your home is wasting energy
- ✓ Fix the issues with affordable home energy improvements
- ✓ Save \$1000 a year on your home energy bills
- ✓ Make your home more comfortable year round

Learn how to lower your energy bills and make your home more comfortable!



Date: Friday, March 3rd
Time: 1:00PM – 2:30PM
Location:
YMCA East Hampton RECenter
2 Gingerbread Lane
East Hampton, NY 11937

Legislator Bridget Fleming

Long Island Green Homes is a partnership of Long Island Towns, community-based organizations and Molloy College that are contracted through the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority's (NYSERDA)

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Tuesday, March 21, 2017 at 11:00 AM
David Crohan Center
655 Flanders Road
Flanders, NY 11901

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PROVIDING EXERCISES
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Every Friday starting March 24

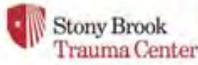
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Friday, March 24, 2017 at 11:00 AM

Hampton Bays Senior Center

25 Ponquogue Avenue

Hampton Bays, NY 11946

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WEBSITE AT: <http://www.suffolkcountyny.gov/do2/Home.aspx>**