



News from Legislator Bridget Fleming

Second Legislative District

July 2017 Newsletter

Here's what Bridget's up to....

Sponsored legislation authorizing use of Montauk County Park in Montauk for Andromeda Dance Theater Performance Fundraiser. (IR 1571-17)

Co-sponsored legislation approving the donation of recently discovered historic concrete friezes from the Rogers Bridge to the Westhampton Beach Historical Society. (IR 1563-17)

Co-sponsored legislation authorizing funding of land acquisition and oversight of real property under the Suffolk County Affordable Housing Opportunities Program (Sandy Hollow Cove Apartments). (IR 1564-17)

Co-sponsored legislation authorizing funding of land acquisition and oversight of real property under the Suffolk County Affordable Housing Opportunities Program (Speonk Commons). (IR 1565-17)

LEGISLATOR FLEMING CO-SPONSORS FUNDING AUTHORIZATION FOR FIRST-EVER AFFORDABLE RENTAL HOUSING PROJECTS IN THE TOWN OF SOUTHAMPTON



Rendering of the Sandy Hollow Cove apartments.

At the July 25, 2017 General Meeting, the Suffolk County Legislature approved two resolutions under the Suffolk County Affordable Housing Opportunities Program authorizing \$2.15 million for the land acquisition of two affordable housing projects, located in Southampton Town — Sandy Hollow Cove Apartments and Speonk

Commons. These are the first two developments that will create affordable rental housing projects that have ever come to fruition in the Town of Southampton.

The Sandy Hollow project will be sited on CR-52, a short distance from CR-39, and the Speonk project will be directly adjacent to the Speonk train station. The Sandy Hollow project will include 3 two-story buildings and 28 rental units, with 14 studios, 12 one-bedrooms and 2 two-bedroom apartments, available to residents earning between 50% and 90% of average median income. The Speonk project will consist of 6 two-story buildings and 38 rental units. The unit mix will consist of 12 studios, 14 one-bedrooms and 12 two-bedroom apartments, available to residents earning between 50% and 90% average median income, and one manager's apartment. One building will have a community room and laundry on the ground floor.

“The East End has a critical need for affordable housing to maintain both our economy and our local community” explained Legislator Fleming. “The sites, which are in transit-oriented locations, further the goal of reducing traffic and supporting the workforce that drives our tourist economy. In light of our community’s desperate need for affordable housing, the hard work by the town, the county, and the developers on these two projects has created a framework that I hope will encourage similar projects in the future.”

LEGISLATOR FLEMING AND U.S. SEN. GILLIBRAND URGE SENATE TO REJECT CUTS TO FUNDING FOR RESEARCH TO COMBAT TICK-BORNE ILLNESSES



From right: Legislator Fleming, Sen. Gillibrand, Dr. Jorge Benach and Jody Gangloff-Kaufmann.

On Monday, July 10th Suffolk County Legislator Bridget Fleming joined U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand at a press conference at the Seatuck Environmental Association to urge the Senate to reject the Trump Administration’s budget proposal to cut critical funding for the National Institute of Health (NIH) and Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) that supports the research for treatments and cures for other tick-borne diseases. The Trump Administration’s budget proposal would cut NIH by 18% and CDC by 17% resulting in catastrophic decreases in critical research for treatments and cures.

In 2016 Legislator Fleming and her colleagues on the Legislature worked to include: funding in the Capital Budget for equipment for the Arthropod borne disease lab to combat tick-borne illness for 2017, re-established the Tick Control Advisory Committee, bringing County Health Department and Public Works/Vector Control Departments, Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE), NYS DEC (wildlife and pesticide), Southampton Hospital, and State and County Parks Departments to the table to advise county efforts. She has also begun working with the Department of Public Works' Division of Vector Control and the Health Department to address tick-borne illness in an organized and scientific manner, with a focus to reduce the use of methoprene on the East End and throughout the County.

“The harmful impacts of tick-borne illnesses continue to grow in New York State,” said Suffolk County Legislator Fleming. In Suffolk County alone, the incidence of potentially debilitating tick-borne diseases, including Lyme, Babesiosis, Anaplasmosis, and Ehrlichiosis grew more than 44% from 2010 to 2015, and continues to rise. The hotline operated by the Tick-Borne Disease Resource Center at Southampton Hospital saw a 46.6% spike in calls from 2015 to 2016, while the hospital’s satellite medical practice saw a 55% increase in patients reporting tick-borne diseases in the same period. While local governments are actively working with health care providers, community organizations and private business to reduce the threat and educate the community on prevention measures, our efforts are historically underfunded, and we cannot afford to lose critical federal support. The ability to continue to rely on federal efforts to develop diagnostic tools and prevention measures, collect data and conduct research will allow New York to serve as a leader in reversing the increasingly devastating economic and quality of life impacts of this public health crisis.”

LEGISLATOR FLEMING JOINS ANKER, COLLEAGUES TO ANNOUNCE OPIATE ADVISORY PANEL

On Tuesday, July 25th, Legislator Fleming joined Legislator Anker, their colleagues and drug and substance abuse awareness professionals to announce the newly formed Heroin and Opiate Advisory Panel. The panel which was established by resolution put forth by Legislator Anker will include members of the Legislature’s Health, Public Safety, Education and Human Services Committees and a representative from the Presiding Officer’s office. It will also include representatives from the Suffolk County Police, Sheriff and Health Departments, as well as local rehabilitation providers, advocacy groups, hospitals and the Suffolk County Superintendents’ Association.



Legislators announce the establishment of the Heroin and Opiate Advisory Panel.

Drug overdose related deaths have been among the highest unintentional deaths in the U.S. and Suffolk County continues to have the highest overdose rate in New York State. In In 2015 there were over 250 cases of heroin related deaths. In 2016 Suffolk County suffered 327 opiate-related deaths of which 20 were from the East End.

The goal of the panel is to provide ongoing guidance and input to the county in combating the opiate epidemic through preventative education, enhancement of enforcement efforts, and aiding in the treatment and rehabilitation of those addicted to opiates and heroin. The changing nature of the opiate epidemic requires continuous commitment to identify new and better resources, along with funding sources, and a greater focus on educating the public about addiction.

The advisory panel will meet quarterly and will provide regular reports to the appropriate county committees. To aid in their efforts, the panel will also conduct a minimum of two formal public hearings annually to acquire necessary information and data to assist them in developing further recommendations.

LEGISLATOR FLEMING HOSTS NARCAN TRAINING AT FLANDERS



On Wednesday, July 26, Legislator Fleming in conjunction with County Executive Steve Bellone, Suffolk County Department of Health Services, Catholic Charities Outpatient, Suffolk County Sheriff's Office, HUGS Inc., Thomas' Hope, and FRNCA hosted a NARCAN training session and prescription drug disposal at David W Crohan Community Center in Flanders.

“Addiction is a serious problem and it is important that we educate families about the resources available to them so they can begin to heal,” said Legislator Fleming. “Being able to administer the NARCAN antidote could be the huge difference between saving and losing the life of someone that has overdosed on opioids, but I hope you never find yourself in that situation .”

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



FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2017

JOIN US FOR LONG ISLAND'S 5TH ANNUAL CAR FREE DAY!

Car Free Day is an international event celebrated every September during which people are encouraged to use alternative modes of transportation such as taking mass transit, carpooling, biking, walking and telecommuting. Using cars less helps reduce traffic, conserve energy, reduce harmful emissions, reduce parking problems and save money!

Join the many companies, colleges and other organizations on Long Island who are encouraging their employees, students and members to pledge to be car-free or car-lite.

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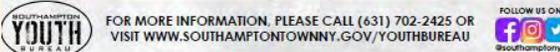
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Free Summer Food Rocks!

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**Legislator
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Thursday, August 16, 2017 at 12:00 PM
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1 Church Street
Southampton, NY 11968

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