



News from Legislator Bridget Fleming

Second Legislative District

August 2016 Newsletter

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

Successfully passed legislation adopting local law allow tax default properties to be used for for siting Community Wastewater Treatment Systems (IR 1564-16)

Co-sponsored legislation authorizing transfer of a surplus Suffolk County vehicle to the Town of Shelter Island Tick Program (IR 1693-16)

Supported the application for the Riverside Rediscovered Traffic Calming and Streetscape Improvements

Supported the application for the LGBT Network's Community Center Phase 2 Renovations

Sponsored legislation to re-establish the Tick Control Advisory Committee (IR 1668-16)

Sponsored legislation amending the 2016 capital budget and program and appropriating funds in connection with installation of guiderail and safety upgrades at Long Beach in Sag Harbor (IR 1688-16)

LEGISLATOR FLEMING AND POLICE COMMISSIONER SINI UNVEIL NEW POLICE INFORMATION PORTAL



Legislator Fleming joined with Police Commissioner Tim Sini and Westhampton Beach Police Chief Trevor Gonce to unveil the Suffolk County Law Enforcement Portal (LEAP) at press conference in Westhampton Beach. The new system is a portal for county law enforcement officials that allows them easier access to criminal justice information, such as training videos, arrest records, and a license plate database.

“The officer on the street will have access to this information at his fingertips” said Sini. Westhampton police are using LEAP as a pilot program with hope for further adoption throughout Suffolk County.

LEGISLATOR FLEMING JOINED COUNTY EXECUTIVE STEVE BELLONE FOR THE SIGNING OF IR 1571-16 TO PROTECT OUR WATERWAYS



Suffolk County Legislator Bridget Fleming joined County Executive Steve Bellone and a number of her colleagues on Wednesday, August 10th for the signing of IR 1571-16, amending the Suffolk County Sanitary Code. The bill is part of the Reclaim Our Water effort to protect Suffolk County’s water bodies from dangerous and harmful nitrogen. This bill updates the Sanitary Code to allow for the approval of new, high-tech septic systems that prevent nitrogen loading and stop harmful pollution to our water. These advanced wastewater treatment systems have been in the ground for six months, and are nearing provisional approval.

Legislator Fleming took a leadership role in drafting the new Sanitary Code because she knows it’s vital that the needs of the East End are heard. The new septic systems protect our water while preserving the quality of life of the East End. It was important that the needs of her constituent’s be heard, so Legislator Fleming joined a working group of lawmakers including Legislator Al Krupski, Legislator Kara Hahn, and Legislator Sarah Anker to tackle this important issue. The code was also written with the input of local town and municipal officials.

“I want to personally thank all of the members of our Town and Village governments who joined us in this effort. Their input ensured that we are able to preserve our way of life here on the East End by protecting this critical resource without threatening our important open space,” said Legislator Fleming. “When we work together, at all levels of government, we are able to better serve the people we represent.”

Reclaim Our Water is a concerted effort to protect Suffolk County’s vulnerable watersheds, which provide our drinking water, and wetlands. Here in the Second District, it is particularly important to protecting our natural resources which form the engine that drives our tourist economy. That is why Legislator Fleming has made it one of her top efforts of her first year in office. The Department of Conservation recently identified ten sites in Suffolk County, seven of which are in Second District, which have Harmful Algal Blooms, which are caused in part by nutrient loading, and are dangerous to marine ecosystems. They also have severe visual impacts that could affect the economic health of the area.

In keeping with the goals of the program, Legislator Fleming introduced legislation to establish new rules to allow the County Planning Department to recommend tax-defaulted properties as sites for Waste Water treatment facilities that would treat multiple homes. In addition, pilot programs are in development in Westhampton, Southampton, Sag Harbor, and Shelter Island to create new, innovative ways to treat wastewater to protect waterways.

LEGISLATOR FLEMING HOSTS NARCAN TRAINING AND DRUG GIVE-BACK IN SAG HARBOR



On Tuesday, August 9, 2016 Suffolk County Legislator Bridget Fleming in conjunction with County Executive Steve Bellone, Suffolk County Department of Health Services, Sag Harbor Village Police, Suffolk County Sheriff's Office, HUGS Inc., Thomas' Hope, and Sag Harbor Coalition hosted a NARCAN training session and prescription drug disposal at the Sag Harbor Firehouse. The training session was huge success with over thirty residents attending.

“It is unfortunate that these trainings are necessary, but the scourge of heroin and opiate addiction is very real and having devastating effects on too many families in our community, said Legislator Fleming. “I’m grateful to the County Executive, Sheriff’s Office, Suffolk County Health Department, and Sag Harbor Village Police Department for their willingness to undertake this important initiative. I am also grateful to the groups and organizations that sponsored this event, and a special thanks to Deputy Sheriff William Weick for conducting this training session.”



An additional session was held at the Montauk Fire Department on August 25th that included training by East Hampton Town Police Officer Ken Aversa. More training sessions are planned over the next few months.

LEGISLATOR FLEMING AND ATTORNEY GENERAL SCHNEIDERMAN HOST SMART SENIORS – DON’T GET SCAMMED PRESENTATIONS FOR EAST END SENIOR CITIZENS

In the wake of the ongoing telephone scams on Long Island, Legislator Fleming and Attorney General Eric Schneiderman joined together to host a Smart Seniors event for the residents of the East End. The presentations were done by Timothy Hatter of the Attorney General’s office. During the presentation Mr. Hatter spoke with the seniors about the scams that people were using to rip-off the elderly. All of these scams ask that you either send money or provide your checking and routing number to your bank account by claiming that the victim has recently won something, like the lottery or a free cruise vacation, or that a member of the victim’s family is in trouble. The Attorney General’s office recommends not answering the phone if you don’t know the phone number or calling your grandchild’s parents to confirm their location and safety.



“It is vital that we make seniors aware of these scams and let them know how they can protect themselves,” said Legislator Fleming. “If you do not know the person you are talking to, you should avoid giving out personal information.”

BRIDGET FLEMING WORKING FOR AND HONORING THE PEOPLE OF THE EAST END



Legislator Fleming joined Legislator Krupski, Anker, State and local officials at the “Celebrate Grown on Long Island Day.” The event is a one day Farmers Market event to bring attention to Long Island’s farmers, wineries and seafood products produced and harvested across Suffolk County.



Legislator Fleming spoke at the Suffolk County Water Authority’s (SCWA) meeting on water conservation. The meeting taught residents how to reduce water consumption, which would help to alleviate the water pressure problems that customers were experiencing in the early morning hours. Suggestions included watering lawns on odd or even days only and installing rain sensors.



Legislator Fleming reading a name she pulled during from the Suffolk County Sceptic Lottery on 7/26/16. The lottery was the second phase of the Suffolk County Septic Demonstration Pilot program, which is a part of the County’s Reclaim our Water Initiative. All winners will receive a free advance wastewater treatment system, which includes free installation, monitoring and maintenance for five years.



Legislator Fleming and April Boitano, a representative at Southampton hospital’s Tick-Borne Illness Resource Center, presented on tick-borne illness prevention at Sag Harbor’s Mashashimuet Park. The presentation, which took place at a number of summer camps on the East End, is a part of the poster contest sponsored by Legislator Fleming.

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.

BRIDGET'S HURRICANE CHECKLIST

Things to do before a Hurricane

- Check your Hurricane supply and restock
- Have an emergency contact list ready
- Close your windows, doors and Hurricane shutter
- If you don't have a hurricane shutter you can board your windows with plywood
- Unplug small appliances
- Fill your car's gas tank in case of an evacuation order
- Turn off propane tanks and gas supply lines
- Create a hurricane evacuation plan with members of your household. Planning and practicing your evacuation plan minimizes confusion and fear during the event



Recommended Hurricane Supplies

- A least a 3 day supply of food and water
- Flashlight with batteries
- Phone with charged and/or extra battery
- Any needed medication
- First Aid kit
- Battery or solar powered FM/AM radio

Safety

- Keep calm and obey any evacuation orders
- Avoid flooded roads and washed out bridges
- Find out about your community's hurricane response plan. Plan routes to local shelters, register family members with special medical needs and make plans for your pets to be cared for

LEGISLATOR FLEMING'S SUMMER TIPS

Pedestrian Safety:

- Follow the rules of the road and obey signs and signals
- Walk on sidewalks whenever they are available
- If there is no sidewalk, walk facing traffic and as far from traffic as possible. Cyclists should always ride with traffic and use hand signals when turning
- Cross streets at crosswalks or intersections whenever possible
- Keep alert at all times – don't be distracted by electronic devices that take your eyes and ears off the road

Camping Safety and Tips:

- Prepare safe food and water, don't litter
- Follow tick prevention tips above
- Stay away from wild animals at night
- Wear bug repellent to avoid pesky mosquitos
- Always wear sunblock to stay protected from intense summer rays



LEGISLATOR FLEMING AND THE SUFFOLK COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY PRESENTS ONE EASY MEASURE FOR HIGHER PRESSURE

Every spring and summer, water use spikes as residents and businesses begin watering for a great looking lawn. The problem is that many people activate automatic watering systems during the early morning hours, putting tremendous stress on the water system.

The Result?

A weak morning shower

You can do your part to ensure higher water pressure for everyone by **switching to an odd/even lawn water schedule**, which is actually better for your lawn than daily watering as it promotes deeper root growth.

You'll not only have a better morning shower, but you'll help prevent costly infrastructure projects that would otherwise be needed.

So take this one easy measure for higher water pressure!

You can also join SCWA's East End Water Wise Club and qualify for an account credit of up to \$50 per customer account for the purchase of low flow showerheads and faucets and/or a rain sensor for your lawn watering system.

For more information go to www.scwa.com/eastendwaterclub

MOSQUITO PREVENTION



An important part of mosquito control around your home is making sure that mosquitoes don't have a place to lay their eggs. Mosquitoes need standing water for two stages of their [life cycle](#).

- Get rid of standing water in rain gutters, old tires, buckets, plastic covers, toys or any other container where mosquitoes can breed.
- Empty and change the water in bird baths, fountains, wading pools, rain barrels and potted plant trays at least once a week to eliminate potential mosquito habitats.
- Drain temporary pools of water or fill with dirt.
- Keep swimming pool water circulating and treated

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Second Annual Catholic Health Services of Long Island Suffolk County 2016 Marathon, Half Marathon, 5k Run and Freedom Fest

Come support our local veterans at the 2nd Annual Suffolk County Marathon, Half Marathon and 5k on Sunday, October 30, 2016! All net proceeds will go toward enhancing local veteran services.

Registration Costs:

Full marathon: April 1 – June 30: \$80, July 1 – October 24: \$85, at the Expo: \$100

Half Marathon: April 1 – June 30: \$70, July 1 – October 24: \$75, at the Expo: \$90

5k: April 1 – June 30: \$20, July 1 – October 24: \$30, at the Expo: \$35

For Active-Duty Military and Veterans: Full: \$50, Half: \$40, 5k: \$20

*Must provide military ID/proof of service at packet pickup

Register Online at www.SuffolkMarathon.com



FOR THE LATEST UPDATES ON UPCOMING EVENTS, PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT: [HTTP://WWW.SUFFOLKSUFFOLKNY.GOV/DO2](http://www.suffolksuffolkny.gov/do2)

BACKPACKS FOR FELLOW STUDENTS

3rd Annual Race for a Reason 5K

September 18, 2016
Run • Walk • Fun Run

Sponsored By: **MARGARITAVILLE**

7:30 - 8:00 am - Registration and Check-In
8:00 - 8:45 am - Warm-Up
8:00 am - 5K Race, FUN Run and Walkers

Start and Finish at Westhampton Beach Village Green




Pre-register online at <http://RaceforaReason5K.Itsyourrace.com/>

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This 5K includes medals for all registered runners, custom awards for the winners in each age group, prizes, raffles, food and more.

TIME CLOCK SPONSOR: Westhampton Tux Value

GOLD SPONSORS: Bach Grazia, East End Orthodontics, Beach Auto Sports, Bridgehampton National Bank, Cook Moran & Associates, Douglas Elman (Real Estate, TD Bank, Wiretop Medical Alliance (William Hornig MD and Camille Gooden MD), Kenneth Franklyn-Morgan (Security), Variable Touch

SILVER SPONSORS: Handy Gem, MR, Hampton Pool Works, East End Hospice, Riconic, Bay Medical Center, Premier Building Supply, Westhampton Beach Teachers Association, Audio Premier Motors, William G Herbolzel Inc.

Special thanks to the local community businesses for their support, including Affordable Taxis, Bagels and Brunch, East End Entertainment, Hampton Coffee Company, Panera Bread, Peter's Fruit CO., Ed & Phyllis Davis Wellness Center, and East End Sanitation.

Michael Variable of East End Entertainment will entertain the crowd and transport runners to paradise with music inspired by Jimmy Buffet

Attorney General Eric T. Schneiderman

Presents:

SMART SENIORS

Don't Get Scammed!

Learn How To Avoid Becoming a Victim of Scams and Financial Fraud:



- The Warning Signs
- Avoid Becoming A Victim
- Getting Help If You've Been Victimized

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Friday, September 23, 2016 at 11:30 AM
Shelter Island Public Library
37 N Ferry Rd
Shelter Island, NY 11964

CAR FREE DAY LONG ISLAND




THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2016

JOIN US FOR LONG ISLAND'S 4TH 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.

TAKE THE PLEDGE AT CARFREEDAYLI.COM TO EARN YOUR CHANCE TO WIN GREAT PRIZES!






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