



# News from Legislator Bridget Fleming

*Second Legislative District*

*February 2018 Newsletter*

## **Legislative Updates**

Amending the 2018 Operating Budget to provide funding for youth activities in the Town of Southampton. (IR 1043)

Approving County funding for a contract agency (Bridgehampton Historical Society). (IR 1044)

Authorizing transfer of decommissioned equipment to the Town of Shelter Island Highway Department. (IR 1076)

Amend Resolution No. 1017-2016, the Suffolk County Public Transportation Working Group. (IR 1119)

Amending the Renewable Energy Task Force. (IR 1120)

Amending the 2018 Adopted Operating Budget to provide funding for the East End Classic Boat Society. (IR 1142)

## ***LEGISLATOR FLEMING JOINS COUNTY EXECUTIVE BELLONE TO ANNOUNCE JOB OPENINGS AT THE 2018 U.S. OPEN AT SHINNECOCK GOLF COURSE***

**The County anticipates an economic impact of over \$120 million as a result of the golf championship**

On Thursday, February 9, 2018 Legislator Bridget Fleming joined County Executive Steve Bellone to announce their support of the recruitment efforts of Ridgewells, one of the vendors of the U.S. Open Golf Championship, to fill over 550 temporary food service and hospitality jobs at the 118<sup>th</sup> U.S. Open Championship.

The Suffolk County Department of Labor and the Suffolk County Department of Economic Development and Planning, have partnered with Ridgewells to manage the recruitment, hiring and training of all event staff to support the large scale catering operation at the U.S. Open. A mix of front- and-back of house catering positions are available that include tent supervisors, beverage managers, buffet managers, bartenders and servers, tent chefs, sous chefs, kitchen assistants, action station attendants, dishwashers, and operation helpers.

Suffolk County Legislator Bridget Fleming said, "The East End is home to some of the most magnificent golf courses in the world. In 1891, Shinnecock Hills Golf Club became the first incorporated golf club in the nation, and later became one of the five founding member clubs of the USGA. Shinnecock Hills Golf Club attracts the world's top golfers, and has made history as the host of many noteworthy USGA events. Our community is proud of this renowned and historic Club, and welcomes the economic activity at our beaches and downtown areas that it brings. Southampton Town, Suffolk County, and the USGA will once again be working together to ensure a successful and memorable event."

This is the fifth time the championship is being hosted at the historic golf course, which will be held from June 11 – 17 at Shinnecock Hills Golf Club in Southampton, New York.

The golf championship is anticipated to generate between \$120 million - \$130 million in economic impact to the region. This analysis is based on expected weekly attendance of over 200,000 people, which include players, fans, volunteers, vendors and media. There will also be approximately 8,000 hotel rooms booked along with an average of 3,500 temporary job opportunities, with many more to be unveiled in the coming months ahead. The championship is expected to be viewed by more than 80 million people in over 150 countries, creating additional tourism exposure for Suffolk County.

## ***FLEMING HONORS JIM SMYTH OF SAG HARBOR, THE LATE OWNER OF THE CORNER BAR***



**FLEMING PRESENTING A PROCLAMATION TO HONOR THE LEGACY OF RUSSELL SMYTH**

On Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup> Suffolk County Legislator Bridget Fleming presented a proclamation to the widow and sole owner of the Corner Bar, to mark the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the bar and honor the late Russell “Jim” Smyth. Russell Smyth, or Jim as he is known to members of the community, was a lifelong resident of Sag Harbor and North Haven, he attended Pierson High School, and graduated from the New York Military Academy in 1968.

Mr. Smyth served on many organizations, and was a member of the Sag Harbor Fire Department. He was also a member of the North Haven Zoning Board of Appeals from 2000 to 2003. He served on the Harbor Committee from 2004 to 2010, and was elected to the North Haven Village Board of Trustees in 2005, serving for eight years; including three years as a deputy mayor and three months as interim mayor before retiring from public service in 2012.

Russell Smyth was a man dedicated to serving others, with an immense passion for the children in the community. He was always eager to donate to any cause involving children, be it sports related, or academics.

“It’s an honor and my pleasure to be presenting this proclamation to the Corner Bar for its 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, but most of all I am humbled to present this proclamation in honor of the late Jim Smyth for his great contributions to the community, and the years he dedicated to public service,” said Legislator Fleming. “Jim was a man who truly loved and cared deeply about his community and he is greatly missed.”

## ***FLEMING VISITS MOSQUITO LARVA PILOT PROGRAMS TO SUPPORT PESTICIDE REDUCTION AND SALTMARSH RESTORATION***



**FLEMING JOINS MEMBERS OF EAST HAMPTON TRUSTEES, VECTOR CONTROL DIRECTOR TOM IWANEJKO, KEVIN MCDONALD, MATTHEW GRASSO AND NICOLE MAHER**

On Tuesday, February 27<sup>th</sup> Suffolk County Legislator Bridget Fleming joined members of East Hampton Trustees; Tom Iwanejko, Suffolk County Director of Vector Control; Kevin McDonald, Policy Advisor at The Nature Conservancy; Nicole Maher, Senior Coastal Scientist with The Nature Conservancy; and James Kommer, Environmental Analyst with the East Hampton Natural Resources Department to visit Accabonac Harbor. Accabonac Harbor will be the site of a collaborative pilot project geared towards reducing application of pesticides, such as methoprene, in County saltmarshes. The project will gather data on mosquito larvae to guide Vector Control regarding the use of pesticides, and to identify opportunities for marsh restoration to reduce the population and need for pesticides.

The project comes after receiving support from Legislator Fleming at the December 12, 2016 General Meeting, who had voted previously to table the resolution for the Vector Control 2017 Annual Plan of Work on November 28, 2016, because the plan did not include any steps to reduce the use of methoprene. Methoprene, a chemical used to control the mosquito population, has been very controversial, particularly on the East End, because of potential unintended detrimental effects on groundwater and wildlife.

“I am very happy that we were able to incorporate language in the Vector Control Plan that included the Trustees and the County working together to find a way to reduce the use of methoprene,” said Legislator Fleming. “I am hopeful that together we will come up with a solution that will replace or reduce the use of methoprene in Suffolk County”.

## ***A MESSAGE FROM LEGISLATOR BRIDGET FLEMING REGARDING RIDESHARE***



**LEGISLATOR BRIDGET FLEMING AT THE FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING AT THE LEGISLATURE**

To my constituents of the Second Legislative District and the people of Suffolk County, I would like you thank you all for weighing in on this very important issue of rideshare within our County. It is not my intention to ban Uber or any other ridesharing provider from Suffolk County. The State gave us no opportunity to consider the impacts of ride-sharing, but rather, allowed us to adopt it without any local control for input, or opt out completely. This was imprudent, and unfair to our community. It is my hope that we restart the conversation on three major issues surrounding rideshare.

The issues are as follow:

- 1) The 4% surcharge that goes to the State’s general fund without any of that money coming back to Suffolk County, where it could be used for infrastructure and public transportation.
- 2) Uniformity of background checks and law enforcement.
- 3) Allowing local companies to compete on an even playing field.

Ridesharing will undoubtedly be an important part of transportation in Suffolk County, and if implemented the right way can be a benefit to every resident in Suffolk County. I am simply asking that we do this the right way so that everyone can benefit from ridesharing.

# 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

**TOWN OF SOUTHAMPTON**  
**OPIOID**  
**ADDICTION TASK FORCE**

**YOUTH VOICES NEEDED!!**

**Southampton Opioid Task Force  
Youth Work Session**

**Friday, March 23 5:30 to 8:00pm**

*We've heard some of your ideas – and need your input on how to make them work.*

The Southampton Opioid Task Force Prevention Committee is looking for help from young people (high school age) about how to effectively prevent substance misuse and substance use disorder in our community.

**PLEASE JOIN US!**  
**Earn Community Service Credits!**

Greek Orthodox Church Meeting Hall, 111 St. Andrews Road, Southampton  
**Dinner and snacks included!**

Want to come but don't have a way to get there? Call 631-702-2425.  
For more information call Nancy at 631-702-2417 or [nlynott@southamptontownny.gov](mailto:nlynott@southamptontownny.gov)

A SOUTHAMPTON YOUTH BUREAU EVENT:

3 ON 3  
BASKETBALL  
Tournament

**FRIDAY, MARCH 23RD**

AT SYS, 1370A MAJORS PATH



**TOURNAMENT FROM  
7:00PM - 10:00PM**

(REGISTRATION 6:00PM - 6:45PM)

**OPEN TO GRADES 5 - 12**

**\$15/TEAM BY MARCH 22ND OR \$30/TEAM AT DOOR**

**\$2 TRANSPORTATION AVAILABLE**



**SPACE IS LIMITED - REGISTER EARLY!**

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL (631) 702-2425 OR VISIT  
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