



News from Legislator Bridget Fleming

Second Legislative District

March 2018 Newsletter

Legislative Updates....

IR 1123-18, appropriating funds in connection with removal of toxic and hazardous material in County Parks

IR 1127-18, authorizing the Acquisition of farmland development rights under the Suffolk County ¼% Drinking Water Program (effective December 1, 2007) for Sisters of Saint Joseph Property.

IR 1142-18, amending the 2018 Operating Budget to provide funding for the East End Classic Boat Society

IR 1149-18, designating March 19th as a day of celebration of women in public office in Suffolk County

IR 1155-18, adopting Local Law No 9-2018, A Local Law to extend the property tax exception for the Cold War Veterans

IR 1286-2018, Accepting and appropriating 100% state grant funds from the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation in the amount of \$10,025,000 for the State Septic System Replacement Program administered by the Suffolk County Department of Health Services, Division of Environmental Quality and to execute grant related agreements

LEGISLATOR BRIDGET FLEMING JOINS COUNTY EXECUTIVE BELLONE FOR SIGNING OF WESTHAMPTON BEACH VILLAGE SEWER CONNECTION AGREEMENT



Caption: Seated, left to right, Westhampton Beach Village Mayor Maria Moore; County Executive Bellone; and County Legislator Bridget Fleming. Standing, Westhampton Beach Village Trustee Steve Frano; Trustee Brian Tymann; Southampton Town Supervisor Jay Schneiderman and Southampton Town Board Member John Bouvier.

On Monday, March 19, 2018 Legislator Bridget Fleming, Supervisor Jay Schneiderman, and Mayor Maria Moore joined Suffolk County Executive Steve Bellone to sign legislation to authorize an agreement with the Village of Westhampton Beach to connect its business district and two condominium complexes to the County's wastewater treatment plant located at Frances S. Gabreski Airport. The bill would also allow the Village to create a sewer district to protect water quality, while ensuring the economic vitality of the business district.

"I am pleased that County Executive Bellone and my colleagues on the Legislature recognize the importance of this project for Suffolk County's economic and environmental health," said Legislator Fleming, who co-sponsored the resolution. "A thriving downtown Westhampton Beach and mitigation of Nitrogen pollution to Moneybogue Creek, Quantuck Bay and Moriches Bay will benefit our entire region."

FLEMING TESTIFIES AT THE PUBLIC HEARING OF THE PROPOSED FEDERAL OFFSHORE DRILLING



Caption: Legislator Fleming speaking in front of members of the Department of Interior at the offshore drilling public hearing, at Brookhaven Town Hall

On Friday, March 2, 2018 Suffolk County Legislator Bridget Fleming testified at the federally proposed offshore drilling public hearing held at Brookhaven Town Hall. The proposal, which was announced by the Department of Interior on January 4th, would open 90 percent of the waters off the coast of the United States to offshore drilling, which would include Long Island, which encompasses Suffolk County. Legislator Fleming gave a heartfelt testimony as to why offshore drilling would be detrimental to the environment. Her statement, which was read into the records of the Department of Interior reads,

"Thank you for the opportunity to speak on this important topic. It is critically important that the local community be given the opportunity to offer comments, The National Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program, which was announced by the Department of the Interior on January 4 of this year, promises potentially disastrous consequences for the economy of Long Island and particularly Suffolk County."

"Accordingly, on January 12, nine Suffolk County Legislators including myself, issued a letter to Secretary Zinke, copies of which I have submitted to the record here along with these written comments, stating our opposition to the proposed Federal Offshore Drilling Authorization. We Legislators specifically opposed the inclusion of Long Island, New York region. The proposed program would

authorize the largest number of lease sales ever proposed for the National OCS Program's 5-year lease schedule. It would promote oil and gas drilling on more than 90 percent of the Outer Continental Shelf, including what is referred to in the Plan as the North Atlantic Area, which encompasses all of Suffolk County and the Long Island region, and is scheduled for potential sale of oil and gas leases in 2021 and 2023. This represents an extraordinary and unprecedented threat to our vulnerable coastal resources, as there have been no lease sales in the Atlantic Ocean since 1983 and there are no existing leases."

"Suffolk County is home to more than 100 public beaches stretching over 1,000 miles of coastline. The vitality of our magnificent ocean beaches and our productive and inviting marine resources form the underpinnings of our tourism industry. The proposed program will cause substantial harm to our county's tourism revenue and labor market as it poses a threat to those precious marine resources."

"The fact that the State of Florida was recently removed from consideration for new oil and gas leases because Florida's coastline is heavily reliant on tourism as an economic driver, demonstrates the Department's understanding that the program will negatively affect tourism in coastal areas. We therefore urge that Suffolk County also be immediately removed from consideration for any lease sales for oil and gas exploration. Suffolk County has relied on vibrant and productive marine resources for centuries, and, as in Florida, our economy is also critically reliant on tourism. The Suffolk County Department of Economic Development and Planning notes that ocean-related businesses account for \$1 billion in goods and services. Further, the Long Island region is proud to generate more than \$5.6 billion in tourism income and to support more than 100,000 local jobs. According to a 2016 study by Tourism Economics, over \$700 million in state and local taxes, the equivalent of \$745 in income tax per household, is generated annually by Long Island tourism. Suffolk County taxpayers simply cannot afford the detrimental impacts of the program and its potentially dire effect on our marine resources, our local tourism industry, and therefore the livelihood of our community."

"On Long Island, billions have been spent to preserve and protect the ocean beaches that help to define us. I represent the Second Legislative District, which is made up in large part by the world-renowned Hamptons --home to internationally-recognized stunning beaches and a powerful tourist and second-home economy which provide a critical economic driver for the Northeast and North Atlantic regions. Suffolk County's coastal resources, and the rich economy which depends on them, simply must not be exposed to the risk of an oil spill, or other catastrophic event. The very possibility of such a disaster, which would threaten our magnificent beaches and productive and fertile marine ecosystem, and its commercial and recreational fishing as well as tourism, will negatively impact economic stability in the region."

"The North Atlantic region, and specifically Long Island's Suffolk County, must not be included in any plans for future oil and gas lease sales. Given the importance of our coastlines to our tourism industry and our marine resources, we have urged the Department of the Interior to immediately remove the Long Island region from consideration."

The Department of Interior is reviewing comments from the public hearing and as yet to release any further information about their plans to allow offshore drilling.

FLEMING HONORS LOCAL GIRL SCOUT LEADER AS 2018 WOMAN OF DISTINCTION FROM THE SECOND LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT



Caption: Legislator Fleming and the Second Legislative Woman of Distinction, Linda Blowe

Suffolk County Legislator Bridget Fleming is pleased to announce that the 2018 “Woman of Distinction” recipient from the 2nd Legislative District is Linda M. Blowe of East Hampton.

Linda is a Lifetime Member of Girl Scouts of USA and belongs to the Girl Scouts of Suffolk County Council, with which she has given 15 years of volunteer service. Linda has served as a National Delegate, she has been a Troop Leader for two East Hampton Girl Scout Troops- mentoring them from Elementary School through High School, she served as the local Service Unit Coordinator for many years, has served as a Food for Friends Committee member and as a Past President’s Scholarship Committee member. Linda is part of the Service Unit’s Camporee Committee, helping to organize and facilitate camping events for the girls and joint ventures with local Boy Scout troops.

Linda is sincerely passionate about Girl Scouts. Empowering young girls to reach their full potential is of the utmost importance to Linda. Linda’s dedication to the Girl Scout organization has been recognized through several awards including Outstanding Volunteer, Outstanding Leader, Service Unit Star Award, President’s Circle Award, Outdoor Enthusiast, and Cookie Champion.

As a leader in her community Linda has strived to impart to all the young people she works with the joy and satisfaction that comes with volunteering and helping a community. She endeavors to promote diversity, equality and compassion in all things and believes it is imperative to lead by example. Linda belongs to the Calvary Baptist Church in East Hampton where she serves as Treasurer and member of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship Committee.

She is a Vice President of The Community Council of the Town of East Hampton where she has been a member for 15 years. Linda is a member of the NAACP and Blue Knights International, a nonprofit fraternal organization whose members travel by motorcycle across the U.S and abroad for recreation and to raise funds for various local and international charities.

Other organizations that Linda regularly volunteers her time with include The Retreat, Maureen's Haven, the East Hampton Food Pantry, Habitat for Humanity, Wounded Warrior- Hamptons Soldier Ride, Hampton's Marathon, the Travis Field Baseball Memorial Scholarship Tournament, The Kendall Madison Foundation and the American Cancer Society Relay for Life.

In addition, Linda works with the East Hampton Ambulance Association and East Hampton Healthcare Foundation to coordinate CPR and AED training for Girl Scout leaders, her church and her place of employment. She is a supporting member of the Bonac Booster Club and a volunteer for the East Hampton HS Music Department and East Hampton HS Theater Club, helping to promote the Arts in the East Hampton School District.

Linda believes that being prepared, being aware and getting involved are key components to making our world a better place. In keeping with that motto she is First Aid and CPR certified, certified in safeTalk suicide alertness and trained in opioid overdose prevention with the use of Naloxone.

Legislator Fleming stated, "I'm just delighted to have the opportunity to honor and recognize Linda Blowe for her outstanding contribution to our community over many years. The exemplary character of our community as a whole depends on the commitment of wonderful volunteers like Linda. She sets a standard for each of us to follow. I'm deeply grateful for her service."

FLEMING ADVOCATES FOR COASTAL RESILIENCY LANGUAGE TO BE ADDED TO TITLE DOCUMENTS FOR OPEN SPACE ACQUISITIONS



Caption: Legislator Fleming advocating for coastal resiliency language

At the June 6, 2017 meeting the Suffolk County Legislature approved resolution 1399-17, authorizing the acquisition of land under the new enhanced Suffolk County Drinking Water Protection Program 2014 referendum- land purchases for open space preservation (CP8732.210).

During the debate on the adoption of the resolution, Legislator Fleming suggested that there be contract and deed covenants added to the county's environmental land acquisition documents preserving the County's

ability, as a grantee, to undertake coastal resiliency measures, to protect the acquired land as well as inland property.

“The ability to undertake coastal resiliency measures particularly on our wetlands and marshes is increasingly important, as we face the threats of sea level rise and increased extreme weather events caused by climate change,” said Legislator Fleming.

FLEMING SHARES INFORMATION ON WELL TESTING

Legislator Fleming would like the residents whose properties are served by private wells and located between Industrial Road and Wainscott Main Street in East Hampton, and properties located in the Old Country Road area of Westhampton Beach, East Quogue in the vicinity of the Damascus Road landfill facility, Hampton Bays, and Noyac in the vicinity of Sand Land to know that the County’s Health Department Office of Water Resources is offering free well testing.

Letters have been sent out to inform the communities impacted by potential water contaminations, and the necessary precautions that are being taken to protect the public.

Residents with general questions about health effects of perfluorinated compounds are advised to call the New York State Water Quality Hotline: 1-800-801-8092, Monday through Friday: 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Residents who are unsure if they are served by public water may call the Suffolk County Water Authority at 631-698-9500.

Residents with private wells who have questions about private well water in Suffolk County or those who wish to have their wells tested may contact the Suffolk County Department of Health Services Office of Water Resources at 631-852-5810. Residents in need of bottled water are asked to contact the Southampton Town Hall Office at 631-283-6055, Monday- Friday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. or East Hampton Town Hall Office at 631-324-4141, Monday- Friday 8:30 a.m.- 4 p.m.



LEGISLATOR FLEMING'S SPRINGS 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 below
- Stay away from wild animals at night
- Wear bug repellent to avoid pesky mosquitos
- Always wear sunblock to stay protected from intense summer Sun



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 Stony Brook Southampton Hospital's Regional Tick Borne Disease Resource Center at 631-726-TICK

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FREE Information:

Suffolk County Social Services: Applications for Food Stamps, Temp Assistance, Medicaid, HEAP
Suffolk County Office for People with Disabilities
Debt / Credit Counseling | Elder Law Attorneys
Suffolk County Office of the Aging
Home Care & Companion Care Providers
Alzheimer's Association, LI Chapter
Island Federal Credit Union
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Veterans & Servicemembers Rights Clinic: Toro Law Center
Suffolk County Veterans Services Agency
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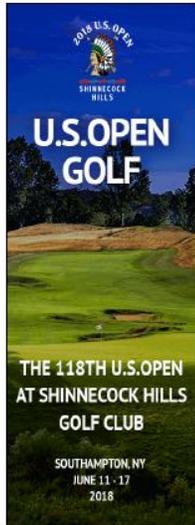
During her 15-year commitment to child welfare Tonia Cain looked up at 800+ youth with her conviction, but history of her children, and when the world's turned up, she stood as a concrete slab under a bridge, seas, forests, honey and professionals like me through the end of a dark case.

Since writing a treatment program in 2005, she never once so damaged and broken up, she stood as a concrete slab under a bridge, seas, forests, honey and professionals like me through the end of a dark case.

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Items can be dropped off at Legislator Fleming's office at 75 Washington Street in Sag Harbor, Monday- Friday between 9 A.M. and 5P.M.