



# News from Legislator Bridget Fleming

*Second Legislative District*

*September 2018 Newsletter*

IR 1853, Appoint a Member to the Single Use Plastic Reduction Task Force (Julie Lofstad)

IR 1869, Directing the County Attorney to study the feasibility of bringing an action against manufacturers of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances

## ***FLEMING SPEAKS AT OCEAN BEACH ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS DAY***



*Legislator Fleming speaking in opposition to proposed oil drilling at the Village of Ocean Beach Environmental Commission's Environmental Awareness Day with Brian Langloss from Oceana*

On September 9<sup>th</sup>, Suffolk County Legislator Bridget Fleming was invited to speak at the Village of Ocean Beach Environmental Commission's (VOBEC) Environmental Awareness Day. This event, which is hosted every year by VOBEC will mark the 12<sup>th</sup> year, and provided information for attendees regarding environmental issues and concerns. This year's topic was on perils of off shore drilling.

**Legislator Fleming said**, "There was a public hearing, which was held by the U.S. Department of Interior at Brookhaven Town Hall on March 2, 2018, where I was joined by state, county and local officials, who voiced their opposition to the proposed federal off shore drilling here on Long Island. My office sent a letter to the Secretary of Interior, Ryan Zinke, which was also signed by eight other Legislators in opposition to the proposed plans to install wind turbines off the coast of Long Island."

Legislator Fleming's 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.”

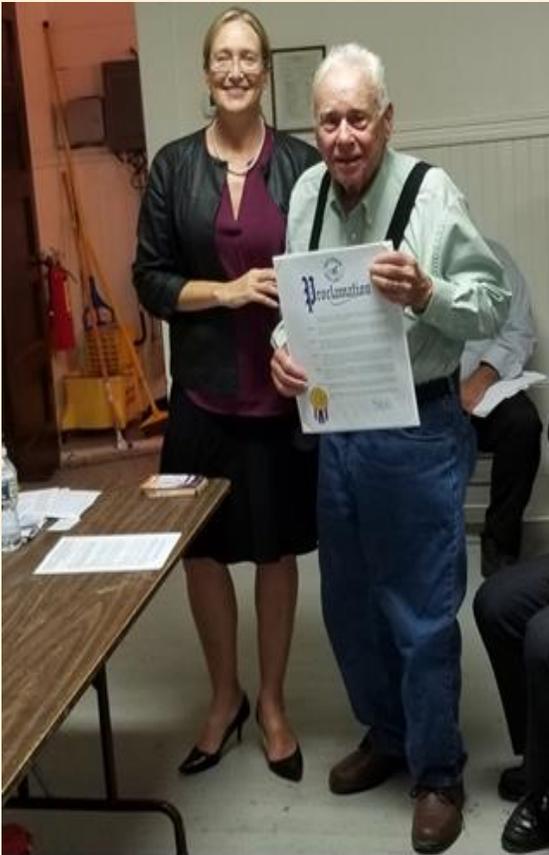
“Suffolk County is home to more than 100 public beaches stretching over 1,000 miles of coastline. The vitality of our magnificent ocean beaches and our productive and inviting marine resources form the underpinnings of our tourism industry. The proposed program will cause substantial harm to our county’s 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.”

## ***JOHN ANDERSON AND CHARLES NEUMAN HONORED BY ASSEMBLYMAN THIELE AND LEGISLATOR FLEMING FOR SERVICE TO NOYAC COMMUNITY***



On Tuesday, September 18, 2018 Suffolk County Legislator Bridget Fleming and New York State Assemblyman Fred Thiele joined members of the Noyac Civic Council for their monthly meeting. During the meeting Legislator Fleming and Assemblyman Thiele presented proclamations to Charles (“Chuck”)Neuman and John Anderson for their years of service and commitment to the community, civic council and the Town of Southampton. Both men are no strangers to serving others, as they are both military veterans. Legislator Fleming thanked both men for their service, and was especially grateful for the guidance she has received from each of them over the years.

“When I first moved to Noyac almost twenty years ago and was trying to figure out how to get involved, each of you served as a shining example of how to serve our community,” said Legislator Fleming.

After the proclamations had been presented, both Legislator Fleming and Assemblyman Thiele shared information they received from the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), regarding the mining at Sand Land. Both officials

indicated that they were aware of a notice of intent to modify that advised that the DEC proposes to modify the permit of Wainscott Sand and Gravel to require that mining activities at the facility cease and reclamation activities begin.

**Legislator Fleming said,** “This is a victory for the members of the Noyac Civic Council, for all the time and hard work you have all dedicated to making sure that local, county and state officials got involved to prevent further groundwater contamination. We know from the report that was conducted by Suffolk County Health Department that the ongoing activities at the site are polluting our drinking water, and I am happy to know that the Department of Environmental Conservation has made the right call to put a stop to all mining activities on the site, and has proposed a permit modification for Sand Land to begin reclamation of the affected areas.”



***Legislator Fleming is pictured presenting a proclamation to John Anderson, and Assemblyman Thiele presenting to Charles Neuman.***

## ***FLEMING GIVES COMMUNITY UPDATE TO SPRINGS RESIDENTS***



*Legislator Fleming updating members of the Springs CAC*

On Monday, September 24, 2018, Suffolk County Legislator Bridget Fleming joined members of Springs Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) for their monthly meeting. During the meeting Legislator Fleming updated residents on the work being done to reduce methoprene spraying at Accabonac Harbor. She told residents that her office has been working closely with Vector Control, The Nature Conservancy, East Hampton Trustees, and volunteers who collected almost 6,000 samples in the harbor to determine hotspots, and as a result of the data, Suffolk County Vector Control was able to reduce the treatment area and the frequency of applications by approximately 50%, which amounts to the savings of approximately \$18,000 to taxpayers.

She continued her update, advising residents that the work scheduled for County Road 40 (Three Mile Harbor Road) is slated to begin during the 2020 pavement cycle; and that changes to the 10B, 10C and the S92 took effect on August 1, 2018. Changes to the bus routes were made at the request of residents trying to take the bus to medical appointments at the facilities located on Pantigo Road. Now the buses go to and from that location every hour.

**Legislator Fleming said,** “The changes were made to accommodate the residents, however it is not clear if the changes have increased ridership, so I am asking members of the community that ride the buses to call my office to let my staff know, so we can determine if the route changes are successful.”

# ***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

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

A SOUTHAMPTON YOUTH BUREAU AND SOUTHAMPTON YOUTH SERVICES EVENT:

# FRIGHT NIGHT

AT SYS, 1370A MAJORS PATH IN SOUTHAMPTON

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20TH \$5 ADMISSION**  
 NAVIGATE YOUR WAY THROUGH A PATH OF HORRORS AT SYS AND EXPERIENCE THE SCARE OF HALLOWEEN!

FAMILY FRIENDLY HOURS FROM  
 6:00PM - 8:00PM WITH CHILDREN 11 & UNDER  
 8:00PM - 10:00PM FOR AGES 12 & UP

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL (431) 703-2425 OR VISIT [WWW.SOUTHAMPTONTOWNNY.GOV/YOUTHBUREAU](http://WWW.SOUTHAMPTONTOWNNY.GOV/YOUTHBUREAU)

THE SOUTHAMPTON YOUTH BUREAU'S

# ESCAPE ROOM

AT THE FRIGHT NIGHT EVENT  
**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20TH**  
 FIRST SESSION BEGINS AT 7:30PM  
 SYS, 1370A MAJORS PATH IN SOUTHAMPTON  
 OPEN TO GRADES 5 - 12  
 \$5 FRIGHT NIGHT ADMISSION INCLUDES ESCAPE ROOM

30 MINUTE SESSIONS AVAILABLE  
 SPACE IS LIMITED!  
 FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED  
 PRE-REGISTRATIONS PREFERRED

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A SOUTHAMPTON YOUTH BUREAU EVENT:

# OPEN MIC NIGHT

AT HAMPTON COFFEE COMPANY,  
 749 COUNTY RD 39, SOUTHAMPTON

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND**  
 7:00PM - 9:00PM OPEN TO GRADES 5 - 12

**SHARE YOUR TALENT!**  
 ACOUSTIC PERFORMERS & BANDS,  
 KARAOKE, SPOKEN WORD, POETRY,  
 & COMEDIC ACTS ARE ALL WELCOME!

WANT TO GUARANTEE A CHANCE TO PERFORM?  
 EMAIL [PTSTRECKER@SOUTHAMPTONTOWNNY.GOV](mailto:PTSTRECKER@SOUTHAMPTONTOWNNY.GOV) TO RESERVE A TIME SLOT!

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