

# The Village News

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### The First 100 Days

Serving as the Mayor of Southampton Village is an opportunity that I have to come to cherish--each day brings new opportunities and new solutions to problems faced by our community. Over the past 100 days, our team in Village Hall has worked tirelessly to deliver results, and we have made significant steps in order to accomplish our goals. This includes a clean Lake Agawam, improving downtown vibrancy, preserving our history while promoting sustainable development, and creating transparency in government for all, not just for insiders or institutional players.



Mayor Warren with Governor Cuomo

On October 2, we invited Governor Andrew Cuomo and New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos to test a new pilot program with engineers from AECOM to skim the toxic Blue Green Algae off Lake Agawam. Using a technology-based filtration system, water flush with toxic algae from our lake is cleaned and returned as purified water containing low to no levels of nitrogen and phosphates. This pilot program was paid for in full by the State of New York--not our Village tax-dollars. I am confident that this initial pilot will bring relief to our waters, and I hope the DEC will return next summer to implement the full program. We have also applied for more than \$2 million in grant money from the DEC for a natural treatment center. In addition, we completed our dredging study and sediment testing to determine the

composition of our Lake bottom: sediment was mostly organic except at the north side of the Lake, which showed traces of lead and arsenic. This knowledge will allow us to move forward in the dredging process. Rebuilding our relationship with the DEC was one of the first priorities we made as Mayor; having constant communication with our State and County organizations is fundamental to our success as a Village.

In order to improve downtown vibrancy and to attract investment in our Village, we have reached out to Lombardo Associates, an engineering firm, to help us install innovative cluster system technology under our parking lots in order to treat wastewater. This will allow us to phase out old septic systems that pollute our groundwater. New septic systems will further enable us to bring in more restaurants, experiences and other businesses that require advanced wastewater technology. With our current antiquated septic systems, the Suffolk County Department of Health Services will not allow new restaurant openings in our village. We also have met with our gracious partners at Southampton Hospital to discuss the possibility of using their waste water facility, which has an excess capacity of 50,000 gallons/ day to treat wastewater. The use of the hospital facility is an interim solution, and will take several years to develop, but we must start now.

In addition, we have reached out to a variety of planning and landscaping firms to help us determine how to better plan our Village business district to meet the needs of the next decade. This includes incorporating more green space and walking areas to improve the flow of foot traffic in the village. We have also consulted with the Suffolk County Department of Economic Development and Planning to help us further these ideas. We hope to add electric charging stations for our parking lots, and in order to do our part to reduce carbon emissions, we hope to move forward with electric vehicles for the Highway Department and Central Garage. Setting the tone for other Villages and Towns across the country is critical.

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Opening Dedication of the new playground at Our Lady of the Hamptons.



### Veterans Day Paratle & Service November 11th Short parade at 10:45 am from the First Presbyterian Church down Jobs Lane to Agawam Park

Ceremony at 11:00 am KEVIN FLIKE VETERAN'S DAY SPEAKER Board Member, Green Beret Foundation Presented by Commission of Veterans Patriotic Events





Disney's Frozen December 6 & 7

**Holiday Musical** 

Extravaganza!

2 PM & 7 PM • \$20

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30



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FREAKYTERDAY

Freaky Friday December 20 & 21

Celebrate the Season and decorate your business storefront window! Prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd Place. Winners announced on December 18th. For information call Southampton Village Hall 631-283-0247 ext. 222

631-283-0247 ext. 222 \*We encourage everyone to have their windows decorated in time for the Thanksgiving holiday weekend.



Mayor Jesse Warren with Aleksandra Kardwell, President, Southampton Rotary

### The First 100 days continued

In order to engage our community, bring everyone into our local government, and to change the way our government works, we have also created committees to help us address our Village's needs. These include committees on Budget and Finance, Clean Water, Sports and Recreation, and Infrastructure. Please contact us at Village Hall if you would like to be involved.

We also wanted to highlight the importance of the Southampton African American Museum (SAAM) and the restoration of the home of Legendary Whaler Pyrrhus Concer (March 17, 1814 – August 23, 1897), a former slave from Southampton who led the whaling ship Manhattan--the first American ship to visit Tokyo in 1845. His historic home was sadly and carelessly demolished in 2014. We are looking forward to working with SAAM in order to create an engaging environment for all.

We also wanted to thank Eileen Musarra, who after decades of service to our Village is retiring this month as Deputy Clerk and Registrar. We cannot thank her enough, as she has cared for our Village deeply, has spent countless hours working with residents on beach passes, has been our all-star judge at the Coopers Beach Sandcastle competition, and has blessed us with her smiling demeanor and extensive knowledge of the Village.

Jim Zuhusky has also retired from the Zoning Board, and we also thank him for his long service and dedication to our Village.

Lastly, we wanted to profusely thank all of our Village employees. Our accomplishments could not have been possible without having the strongest and best possible team across all departments. And with Veterans Day on November 11, it is important to also extend a large thank you to our veterans throughout our Country and home in Southampton. Thank you for your service, sacrifice and honor.

Best, Mayor Jesse Warren

### Employees of the Month





May – Dean McNamara Fire Marshall



June – Brian Doroska Highway Department



July – Camryn Highsmith Coopers Beach



August – Brenda Pinckney Building Maintenance Department



September – Matthew Weeks Coopers Beach



October – Eileen Musarra Deputy Village Clerk

### From The Grill to the Hot Seat

An enjoyable 3 months has passed since I took office as a Southampton Village Trustee. It has been educational, interesting and at times exhilarating. I quickly learned that, "learning" is an integral part of what we do as Village Trustees, and I am particularly grateful to everyone who has provided insight during this time.

One of the things I have come to value the most is the amount of dedication the employees and volunteers bring to their respective roles in our Village. Being on "the inside" has given me a fresh perspective on the volume of hard work and preparation they contend with to make sure our Village runs smoothly. The daily responsibilities of running the Village of Southampton are often unseen and overlooked. Our employees are the literal backbone of our Village, and I am deeply grateful for every one of them.

I have met the most enthusiastic, patient people at our Village Hall, Police Department, Fire Department, Justice Department, Parks, Highway & Recreation, who bring experience and expertise that has been invaluable to all of us. You have made my first three months in office not only enlightening, but enjoyable as well. THANK YOU for your service, loyalty and dedication to all those who continue to do so, with added gratitude and best wishes to those stepping away after their many years of service.



We are fortunate to have a Board of Trustees who are tenacious, energetic, creative and bring a great mix of experience and vision. Working together with all of our Village departments we have been able to accomplish some significant items early into our term. We are looking forward to tackling even more issues as we continue to serve Southampton Village.

This is a caring community that wants the best for all its residents. There is a lot of truth in the quote, "You are only as good as the people you surround yourself with." After working with the devoted employees and residents of Southampton Village, I feel we are in really good hands.

Sincerely, Trustee Mark Parash

### **2019 FALL LEAF CLEANUP**

### October 28th thru December 27th As per Village code NO CONTRACTOR OR CONTRACTORS

shall place or have placed any leaves on Village right-of-way. Fall leaf pickups shall be for the abutting landowner or employee thereof.

#### Leaves will be picked up in either of the following ways:

- 1. Loose leaves put in long, neat piles along the road edge. NOT IN THE ROADWAY!
- 2. Leaves placed in paper Biodegradable bags. No grass clippings. Bags are available for purchase at Village Hall and various hardware stores. (Plastic bags are not acceptable!!)

No land clearing or tree and shrub pruning. Mixed piles will be passed by.

The Highway Department does NOT pick up any of the following: PLASTIC BAGS WILL NO LONGER BE PICKED UP

- 1. Construction debris.
- 2. Hedge clippings or hedge trimming brush of any kind
- 3. Grass clippings
- 4. Potted plants
- 5. Stumps of any kind
- 6. Iron fence posts or any types of stakes
- 7. rocks or dirt
- 8. Bricks or blocks
- 9. No cans, bottles or garbage of any kind
- 10. No wood or brush of any kind

Disposal of these items is the responsibility of the individual property owner. In the past, many of these items have been mixed in with leaves or brush. This can cause serious injury to our workers and expensive damage to our machinery.

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#### **VILLAGE OF SOUTHAMPTON HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

Your cooperation will help us to provide better service to you.

### **OCTOBER**

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### NOVEMBER

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BOT: Board of Trustees PB: Planning Board ZBA: Zoning Board of Appeals PC: Planning Commission ARB: Architectural Review Board

### LOCAL LAW REQUIRING ANNUAL REGISTRATION FOR LANDSCAPERS

Effective January 1, 2020 all Landscapers and Landscape Contractors will be required to complete an annual registration form with the Village of Southampton.

In addition, proof of a valid and current Suffolk County Home Improvement License must be submitted.

Applicable Certificates must also be submitted for the use of regulated chemicals, pesticides or fertilizer products.

For additional information contact the Village Administrator at 631-283-0247, Ext 224.

### Thank you to the following who are retiring

Eileen Musarra – Deputy Village Clerk Christina Redding – Architectural Review Board Jim Zuhosky – Zoning Board of Appeals We thank them for their many years of service to the Village.

### A special Thank You to

Will Matuska of Sisal Rugs for his donation of carpet to the Village Hall and Karen Gorman for her donation of design consultation for Village Hall.



POLAR BEAR PLUNG Saturday, December 14th, 10 am at Coopers Beach to benefit



Contact Hilton Crosby hilton@heartofthehamptons.com • 631.283.6415

### 2019 Holiday Events

Sponsored by the Christmas Decorations Committee & Southampton Chamber of Commerce

### Saturday, November 30

12:30-3:30 Horse & Buggy Rides 4:45 Parade of Lights, Tree Lighting & Fireworks Display





Holiday Reception and visit with Santa immediately following at Southampton Cultural Center

### Saturday, December 7 It's a Wonderful Village

### 1:00-4:00 Horse & Buggy Rides

1:30-3:30 **Santa Visit** Southampton Chamber of Commerce 76 Main Street

### Saturdays, December 14 & 21

Horse & Buggy Rides from Village Hall Presented by Christmas Decorations Committee





– Experience Us —



Winners of the annual Coopers Beach Sandcastle Contest.



Chalk art at the 9th annual SouthamptonFest.



Certain Moves performs on Jobs Lane at SouthamptonFest.



Annual Rag-A-Muffin Parade sponsored by Southampton Chamber of Commerce.



Annual Beachcomber Cleanup Event with the Town of Southampton @ Coopers Beach.



Trustee Andrew Pilaro (far right) with SouthamptonFest Chowder Contest winners.



Face Painting at SouthamptonFest, sponsored by Michelle Cartier, DDS.



The Rose was recently named the official flower of the Village of Southampton. Pictured are Lynn Hamer and Helga Dawn of Southampton Rose Society with Nancy McGann and Michael Irving.



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### Mayor

Jesse Warren

**Trustees** Kimberly Allan Mark Parash Andrew Pilaro Richard W. Yastrzemski

**Village Justice** Hon. Barbara L. Wilson

Village Administrator Russell Kratoville

**Building Inspector** Christopher M. Talbot

**Deputy Village Clerk** Eileen Musarra We welcome your comments or suggestions on The Village News. Contact Newsletter Coordinator at 631-283-0247 x 219 or email registrar@southamptonvillage.org

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## Senior Holiday Party



Join us on Thursday, December 12, 2019 from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm at the Rogers Mansion for festive snacks & beverages, a sing-a-long with live musicians and a raffle!

Call or email Laurie to RSVP (631)283-2494 ext. 300 lcollins@southamptonhistory.org



Rogers Mansion, 17 Meeting House Lane Open: Wednesdays to Saturdays, 11:00 am to 4:00 pm \$4 non-members, members free and children 17 and under southamptonhistory.org



Presented by Village of Southampton, the Southampton Anti-Bias Task Force & Southampton Cultural Center

### **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21**

\$20 general admission \$10 for students under 21

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