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Legislature to Save Money by Suspending Printing of Newsletters

Sign up to receive yours via e-mail

In order to save taxpayer dollars during the devastating fiscal crisis currently facing Suffolk County and the nation, the Legislature has passed a law sponsored by Presiding Officer William J. Lindsay to suspend the printing and distribution by mail of district-wide Legislative and County Executive newsletters until January 1, 2011. The expected savings of this measure is close to \$500,000. Legislators will continue to communicate with their constituents through regular mail

in response to inquiries, as well as through e-mail.

Legislative and Executive newsletters are a valuable resource for local residents to keep connected with the actions of County Government. You can continue to receive your Legislator's newsletter in a digital format via e-mail by providing your e-mail address to William. Lindsay@suffolkcountyny.gov or call 631-854-9611. Newsletters will be posted on your Legislator's website at <http://legis.suffolkcountyny.gov>.



A LETTER TO YOU FROM YOUR LEGISLATOR

Summer 2009

Dear Friends:

I want to thank each and every one of you who responded to the questionnaire in the previous issue of this newsletter. The outpouring of responses was enormously gratifying to me. Your firsthand feedback is extremely important as it gives me an authentic snapshot of my Suffolk County Legislative District #8 (Oakdale, West Sayville, Sayville, Bohemia, Bayport, Holbrook and portions of Ronkonkoma and Holtsville.) You presented the issues that concern you the most and your input was (and is) invaluable. These are extraordinary times - and all levels of our government will have to respond with extraordinary measures. I want you to know that I will continue the hard work of bringing all the resources I can to my district in order to attempt to alleviate the unbearable and untoward economic pressures we all live under and are subject to in these turbulent times.

Construction projects are a source of many questions in both the questionnaire, and in calls to my office. I have highlighted a number of upcoming projects to let you know what will be coming to our community.

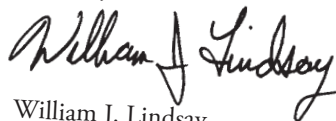
- Improvements at the intersection of Patchogue-Holbrook Road (CR-19) and Furrows Road have been moved up to a 2010 start date.
- Repaving projects are planned for the following locations:
 - Montauk Highway (CR-80), eastbound between Oakdale Road and Canterbury Court.
 - Patchogue-Holbrook Road (CR-19) at the intersection of Nichols Road.
- Multiple traffic studies are underway to address speeding issues on Middle Road (CR-65) in Bayport.
- Planning has begun regarding the continuation of the Montauk Highway sidewalk project.

Many of you have asked questions regarding state and federal tax issues. Please understand that I am solely responsible for county issues, i.e. county roads, etc. I suggest that any of you who have issues concerning New York State (school tax issues, Star Program, etc.), please contact your Assemblymember and your State Senator. If you have questions regarding the federal government (stimulus package, etc.), I suggest you contact your Congressman and your US Senator. If you have issues with the town (town roads and services, etc.), I suggest you contact your town council members and town Supervisor. If you need any contact information regarding the above governmental representatives, or wish for my office to advocate on your behalf, please don't hesitate to contact my district office at 854-9611 for any and all required information.

Additional topics will be addressed in future newsletters- which will be online. Please access this newsletter on the Suffolk County Legislature website at www.suffolkcountyny.gov/legis/do/2009/do8.htm

Again, many thanks to all of you who responded to my questionnaire. I am grateful to you for participating and thereby demonstrating a certain kind of citizenship that is a key element of our democracy. I will do everything in my power to facilitate your requests. Please do not hesitate to contact me or my staff by letter, e-mail or telephone at any time for any reason.

Sincerely,



William J. Lindsay
Presiding Officer
Suffolk County Legislature

Attention At-Home Caregivers!

Need a Break?

Announcing John J. Foley Skilled Nursing Center's Adult Day Health Care Program!

- Programs available for full day, half day, and split week care.
- Certified by the State of New York Department of Health for the chronically ill and disabled adults 21 years of age and over.
- Program includes medication administration, daily nutritional support, and therapeutic recreation.
- Physical, occupational and speech therapy, along with dental, podiatry, vision and mental health services provided on-site.

This program provides for the needs of the disabled, while giving spouses, siblings, and children the break they need to work and perform everyday tasks. The program is open Monday through Saturday from 9AM to 4PM, with door to door wheelchair accessibility. You can rest assure that your loved ones are in the capable hands of registered nurses, social workers, dieticians, and recreational and nursing assistants. Medicaid, private pay, and insurance (pending provider) accepted.

For more information, please call 631-852-4677 or visit the program at 14 Glover Drive, Yapank, NY 11980.

Project Lifesaver: Rescues Lost Love Ones

Suffolk County Sheriff's Office Offers High Tech Solution to an Old Problem.

The Suffolk County Sheriff's Office's Project Lifesaver program is a new county-wide high-tech innovation that gives Sheriffs the ability to rapidly find people who suffer from cognitive impairments that may cause them to wander or get lost.

Project Lifesaver clients wear a personalized 1oz. battery operated transmitter bracelet which emits a tracking signal every second, 24 hours a day. According to the Sheriffs, the system will reduce an 8 hour search to a mere half hour.



The entire transmitter kit costs approximately \$290, plus tax and shipping. The battery and wrist band must be changed monthly, at a cost of \$10.

Enrollment applications can be requested via e-mail at : lifesaver@suffolkcountyny.gov, or by calling 631-852-3405. Your enrollment application must be completed and submitted to the Suffolk County Sheriff's Office, 100 Center Drive, Riverhead, NY 11901. Once an application is reviewed, an appointment will be made by a Project Lifesaver Specialist

from the Sheriff's Office for a home visit.

Red Light Cameras for Suffolk

Suffolk Finally Gets New York State Permission to Install Red Light Cameras!

The most serious car accidents are broadside or T-bone accidents, where one vehicle broadsides another. They are most frequently caused by red light running. Suffolk County highways are among the most dangerous in the state, due in part to this type of accident.

These facts initially prompted Legislator Lindsay to introduce legislation for red light cameras in 2001. Although the bill was passed here in Suffolk County, New York State had to give permission for the County to install the system. The State Legislature, after many failed attempts, finally passed the enabling legislation this Spring.

The need for this automated enforcement is even more

valuable to the County now, because we have less police officers than we did eight years ago.

In other jurisdictions where the system has been introduced, it has dramatically cut down on red light running, making their roads safer.

The long awaited State approval came as a result of the current fiscal crisis. The extra revenue generated by the system will help the County through its current budget problem.



Bohemia's History – Open to Visitors

The Bohemia Historical Society Opens its Museum Thanks to Support from Legislator Lindsay

After years of work and research, the Bohemia Historical Society has completed work on a museum to celebrate the area's lengthy history. The site contains numerous displays of Czech art and design. Many of these displays were funded for by grants provided by Legislator William J. Lindsay. The Legislator has played an active role during the design phase and could not be more pleased to see the years of work come to fruition. Guided tours provided by the museum give a detailed story of the beginnings of

Czech culture in both Europe and in Bohemia. By the end of the journey visitors will have a new appreciation for the town many call home. "It is the dedication to preserving our history, which is displayed by the members of the Bohemia Historical Society, that allows Long Island to be considered one of the most culturally rich areas in the country," stated Legislator Lindsay. The museum, located at 1519 Locust Avenue in Bohemia, is now open to the public. For more information, please contact the museum at 589-8561.

Lindsay Supports Holbrook Downtown

Legislator Lindsay Successful in Allocating Funds for the Holbrook Chamber of Commerce

Downtown revitalization is a major priority for Legislator Lindsay. In an effort to further develop the Holbrook business district, Legislator Lindsay has provided the Holbrook Chamber of Commerce with a \$25,000 grant. The Legislator has worked with



the chamber to fund streetscape improvements along Main Street. This project, along with the tireless efforts of the Chamber, creates a more business friendly environment; bringing more jobs to Holbrook. "It's projects like these that help bring business to our local downtowns."

Nautical Past for our Present

The Long Island Maritime Museum Honors Legislator Lindsay with the "Polaris" Award

Situated next to the West Sayville Country Club on the Great South Bay, the Long Island Maritime Museum is a site where visitors are taken on a journey to discover the roots of Long Island. The museum contains exhibits showing how many Long Islanders used to live off of the lucrative clamming industry. Visitors are offered displays of scale models of ships that were not only the sailor's works stations, but also their homes. On the dock of the museum, school children learn



of the many skills needed to be a sailor, including: how to tie a knot, the names of parts of a ship, and how sails work. Legislator Lindsay has been a proud supporter of the museum and was honored to receive the Polaris Award during the museum's First Annual Dinner. "This museum is the only resource we have to preserve our nautical history," stated the Legislator. "Its preservation will provide many future generations a view of Long Island few ever get to see."