



News from Legislator Bridget Fleming

Second Legislative District

May 2017 Newsletter

Legislative Updates...

Authorizing a technical correction to the 2017 Adopted Operating Budget for OLA of Eastern Long Island (IR 1387)

Authorizing Intermunicipal Agreement with the Town of Southamptton to establish and maintain walking trails in Riverside (IR 1437)

FLEMING JOINS COUNTY EXECUTIVE STEVE BELLONE TO ANNOUNCE MAJOR TRAFFIC IMPROVEMENT PROJECT IN RIVERSIDE



\$5 Million Construction Project will transform 80-Year Old Traffic Circle into Redesigned Modern Roundabout

Riverside Business & Community Members Applaud County's Leadership for Funding Critical Project that will Spur Riverside Downtown Economic Development

Suffolk County Department of Public Works to Design & Install New Storm Sewer System at Roundabout to Improve and Preserve the Water Quality of the Peconic River

On Tuesday, May 30th Suffolk County Legislators Bridget Fleming and Al Krupski joined County Executive Steve Bellone, Southamptton Town Supervisor Jay Schneiderman, and Southamptton Council Members, community leaders and advocates to announce the renovation of the Riverside traffic circle. The improvements of the nearly 80-year old traffic circle are estimated to cost approximately \$5 million, plus an additional \$250,000 for the installation of a modern storm water

filtration system. The project is expected to take between 18 and 24 months to be completed. Work will be performed alongside normal traffic flow during the day, with evening work scheduled between 10PM – 6AM with limited traffic flow to avoid road closures.

The project, which is entirely funded by the County, will convert the existing five-legged, one-lane traffic circle into a modern two-lane roundabout to ease congestion and improve commuter safety.

Fleming joins Rotary Clubs, County and Town Parks, Coast Guard and Town Officials to Inaugurate Life Rings at Shinnecock Canal



Legislator Fleming joined Southampton Councilwoman Julie Lofstad, Southampton and Hampton Bays Rotary Clubs, Shinnecock Coast Guard, Southampton and Suffolk County Parks, and local government agencies for the life ring ribbon cutting

On Friday, May 19, 2017 Legislator Bridget Fleming joined Southampton and Hampton Bays Rotary Clubs, along with Suffolk County and Southampton Parks, the Coast Guard and Town officials for the ribbon cutting ceremony of the recently installed life rings at Shinnecock Canal. The project was a joint effort by the Southampton and Hampton Bays Rotary Clubs to make the canal a safer place, and with help from County Legislator Bridget Fleming's office and local municipal agencies the rotary clubs were able to install 22 lifering stations along both sides of the canal, 10 on the East side, 11 on the West and 1 in Mariners Cove Marina.

On December 6, 2016, the County Legislature unanimously passed a bill sponsored by Legislator Fleming, which authorized the joint effort to install the lifesaving stations on County owned land adjacent to the canal.

Each lifesaving station has a throwable life ring as well as an alarm box which will sound when the life ring is removed. The stations are approximately 200 feet apart, so that if the rescuer were to miss he/she could easily move to the next station. The stations are be marked with the exact location to ensure emergency personnel are able to respond in a precise and timely manner.

Legislator Fleming said, “When the locks are open, the current in the canal can run up to 6 knots and can be deadly. Unfortunately, we have lost community members in the past to these waters, and this smart and generous project by the rotaries is designed to prevent such tragic loss in the future. As always, I am grateful to our rotaries for their great efforts and I am happy we were able to help”.

"Congratulations and thank you to the members of the Hampton Bays and Southampton Rotary Clubs for spearheading the Shinnecock Canal Life Ring project,” said Councilwoman Lofstad. “This project was made possible by the combined efforts of the two Rotary Clubs, Suffolk County, and Southampton Town. People come from near and far to spend the day fishing at the Canal - enjoying the beauty of the area and the bounty of our waters. It's a unique and wonderful place, and this project enhances the safety of the Canal for its users. These life ring stations, although we hope they are never needed, may someday save a life. Thanks again to all involved!"

Suffolk County Parks Commissioner Philip Berdolt said, “Suffolk County Parks was happy to assist Southampton and Hampton Bays Rotary Clubs with the installation of these life saving devices. This is a perfect example of private and public sectors coming together for the benefit and well-being of the public who use our Parks”.

FLEMING, BELLONE, SCHNEIDERMAN, BOUVIER AND MOORE JOIN RECHLER EQUITY PARTNERS FOR GROUND BREAKING



Legislator Fleming, Southampton Town Supervisor Jay Schneiderman, Southampton Town Councilman John Bouvier, Westhampton Beach Mayor Maria Moore, distinguished guests and members of Rachler Equity Partners

On May 2, 2017 Legislator Fleming, County Executive Bellone, Town of Southampton Supervisor Schneiderman, and Councilman Bouvier joined Rechler Equity and distinguished guests to break ground on the newest addition to the Hampton Business District (HBD) in Westhampton Beach, New York. 200 Roger's Way is the second of nine state-of-the-art buildings planned for the developing property that will add to the much-needed inventory of commercial space required for Long Island's growing economy.

"This is another monumental day for Rechler Equity Partners and the East End's business community," said Mitchell Rechler, Managing Partner of Rechler Equity Partners. "200 Roger's Way will provide opportunities to companies throughout Long Island to expand their operations. Demand for industrial space has never been higher, and the Hampton Business District is our solution to fulfill this need and continue the growth of Long Island's economy."

"Being third-generation builders and coming from a lineage that developed the Hauppauge Industrial Park, we envision the Hampton Business District to be the next frontier for Long Island businesses," said Gregg Rechler, Managing Partner of Rechler Equity Partners. "This ambitious project is designed to fit the needs of today's high-tech companies and provides them with the infrastructure required for decades of growth and prosperity."

"This project is an important milestone towards sustainable economic development that will attract top-notch talent and businesses in Suffolk County," said County Executive Bellone. "I applaud Rechler Equity Partners for their commitment to the East End community as this groundbreaking marks an important step for our business community across the region."

Playing a major role in energizing the East End's economy, 200 Roger's Way is a 68,000 square-foot building that incorporates the latest in sustainable design and green technology. The transformative building was specifically designed to accommodate a variety of business needs such as space for office, showroom, warehouse and distribution, manufacturing and assembly, and film production. Convenience for tenants is at the heart and soul of this innovative structure—located near Sunrise Highway and the Long Island Expressway—equipped with loading docks and drive-ins, separately metered units, EFSR sprinkler systems, and outdoor storage spaces.

"This project has been a long time coming," said Southampton Town Supervisor Jay Schneiderman. "The Hampton Business District shows how the East End can be a competitive place in the new economy, and is an example of a productive partnership between local government and the private sector."

"I am so pleased that Rechler Equity Partners are working to expand the Hamptons Business District," said Suffolk County Legislator Bridget Fleming. "The jobs that will be generated by this addition are critically important to keeping our young people on Long Island, and will make our resort dominated East End economy better-rounded. I look forward to the completion of this project and the other seven buildings to come."

"We are thrilled with the progress being made at the Hampton Business District as it plays an important role in Suffolk County's overall economic development strategy," said Theresa Ward, Commissioner of Suffolk County's Department for Economic Development & Planning and Chair of the Suffolk County Industrial Development Agency. "Growing businesses require quality space that is properly suited to meet their ever-growing list of needs. The HBD's smart and innovative investment fulfills the infrastructure demands needed to continue expanding our economy, tax base and employment opportunities for residents."

In 2008, Rechler Equity Partners was selected to develop 50 acres at Gabreski Airport in Westhampton Beach, NY. In June 2009, Rechler Equity signed a 40-year lease with Suffolk County to develop the Hampton Business District. As the East End's first and only Class A business park, it is expected to significantly increase the local tax base and lead to the creation of more than 600 new and permanent jobs. Once completed, the property will hold 440,000 square feet of commercial space and a 145-room hotel. Tate's Bake Shop, Carrier Enterprise, and

AC Lighting & Electric are among the current tenants at the first office building at 220 Roger's Way. 200 Roger's Way is expected to be completed in the fall of 2017.



Legislator Fleming recognized Hampton Bays High sophomore Jared Strecker at the May 16th General Meeting for his research on Malignant Mesothelioma.



Legislator Fleming honors Southampton Town Police Department Officials (Detective Tim Wilson, Officer Robert McCoy, and Officer Christopher Florea) and Hampton Bays Assistant Fire Chief James Kappers for saving the lives of a woman and her dog from a burning building



Legislator Fleming presented a proclamation to Westhampton Beach High student Grace O'Hare for her "Baby it's Cold Outside" initiative at the May, General Meeting.



Legislator Fleming recognized Robert Murray at the General Meeting in Riverhead for his years of volunteer service at Southampton Hospital and the Hampton Bays Senior Center.



Legislator Fleming recognizing Pam Giacoia at the May 16th General Meeting in Riverhead for her years of service to the Town of Southampton



Legislator Fleming presented a proclamation to Danielle Waskiewicz, Director of Westhampton Beach Library at the May 16th General Meeting for the library's 120th anniversary



Legislator Fleming joined members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 2476 at the 2017 Patriot's Pen Award Ceremony to honor this year's Suffolk County winner Deonta Ramos.



On May 6th Legislator Fleming presented a proclamation to Animal Rescue Fund of the Hamptons Inc. for the 20th anniversary of its Operation Cat Program. The program provides free spay/neuter surgeries and vaccinations for feral cats.

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 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

Attorney General Eric T. Schneiderman

Presents:

SMART SENIORS Don't Get Scammed!

Learn How To Avoid Becoming a Victim of Scams and Financial Fraud:



- The Warning Signs
- Avoid Becoming A Victim
- Getting Help If You've Been Victimized

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Thursday, June 29, 2017 at 11:00 AM
Bridgehampton Senior Center
585 Sag Harbor Bridgehampton Tpkpe
Bridgehampton, NY 11932

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Tuesday, August 1, 2017 at 1:00 PM
Montauk Library
871 Montauk Highway
Montauk, NY 11954

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