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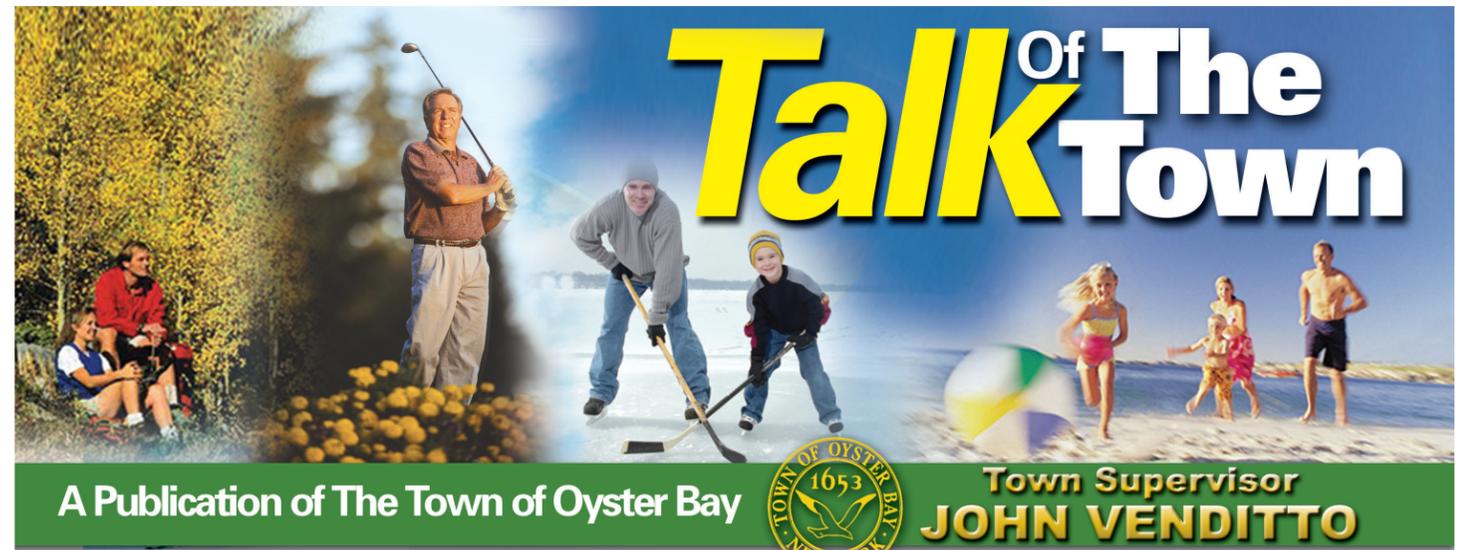
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TALK OF THE TOWN

Supervisor Venditto Offers Snow Safety Tips



With the recent winter weather hitting our area, the Town of Oyster Bay has remained prepared for whatever comes our way, according to Town Supervisor John Venditto.

"The Town is prepared to quickly clear roadways and handle emergency situations, but residents should also have a viable course of action prepared in the event of a snowstorm," Supervisor Venditto said.

The Supervisor advises residents of the following tips regarding snow and winter safety:

- Remove cars from the streets whenever possible. Arrange with neighbors to make use of driveways that are not being utilized.
- Please do not blow or shovel snow into the street.
- Drive with caution when passing stopped sanitation vehicles, especially during the winter season when roads are slippery.
- Remove all obstacles from the roadway and utility strip (grassy area between the street and public sidewalk) in front of your home.
- After the snowfall, please clear all fire hydrants of snow accumulation.

The Supervisor noted that the Town has an informative brochure that explains snow removal procedures, offers some important safety tips and lists things residents can do to help on the overall process. For information regarding snow clearing operations on Town-maintained roads or other emergency operations, call the Town's Highway Department at 516-677-5757.

Town Officials Recognize Outgoing Bayville Fire Chief



Town Councilman Joseph G. Pinto and Councilwoman Michele M. Johnson recently attended the Bayville Fire Co. No. 1 Annual Installation Dinner, where they joined Incoming Chief Kevin Viterriti in recognizing Outgoing Chief Edward Orski, commending him for earning the respect of his fellow firefighters through his dedication, professionalism and his expertise as an incident commander.

Supervisor Venditto: Oyster Bay Town Board Adopts Local Law Adding Chapter on Filming to the Town Code

Policy Welcomes the Film Industry, Supports Economy and Showcases the Town

With an increased interest in filming within the Town of Oyster Bay, the Town Board recently adopted a comprehensive local law detailing procedures for all future productions in the Town, according to Oyster Bay Town Supervisor John Venditto.

"For years, the film industry has recognized the Town of Oyster Bay as an ideal location for filming because of its proximity to New York City and its aesthetic beauty," Supervisor Venditto said. "The new regulations accommodate the increased demand and help pave the way for more future productions, which ultimately stimulate the local economy and showcase the Town's scenic charm."

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Local Eagle Scout Honored

Supervisor John Venditto (right) and Councilman Joseph G. Pinto (left) recently attended the Eagle Scout Court of Honor Ceremony for George M. Rozea of Boy Scout Troop 776 in Massapequa. Eagle Scout is the highest honor a Boy Scout can achieve after completing hours of community service and achieving numerous merit badges. Supervisor Venditto and Councilman Pinto are pictured presenting George with a citation commending him for his dedication to helping the community that led him to earn the rank of Eagle Scout.



Councilwoman Alesia Announces Drive for More Open Government

The Town of Oyster Bay, with the start of the new year, has begun putting minutes and resolutions of Town Board meetings on its website, Councilwoman Rebecca M. Alesia announced.

"With the new year upon us, my Town Board colleagues and I have been working towards providing more open and accessible government to our residents," Councilwoman Alesia said. "Making Town Board minutes and resolutions available online through the Town's website is one way in which we plan to achieve that goal."

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Councilman Coschignano Announces Polar Plunge Benefits in March

Separate Events to Support CP Nassau and Special Olympics New York

Town Councilman Chris J. Coschignano advises residents looking for an opportunity to enjoy an exhilarating afternoon of fun and a chance to support two great causes should circle Sunday, March 13 and Saturday, March 19, on their calendars.

"On March 13th, Cerebral Palsy Association of Nassau County Inc. (CP Nassau) will host the 12th Annual Polar Bear Plunge fundraiser off the chilly waters off of the Town of Oyster Bay Bay's Theodore Roosevelt Memorial Park, Beach and Marina in Oyster Bay," Councilman Coschignano said. The festivities will kick off at 1:00 p.m. with the polar bears taking the plunge at 2:00 p.m. For information about participation as a swimmer or a sponsor, contact CP Nassau Development Director Charles Evidos at 516-378-2000 ext. 648 or visit www.cpnassau.org.

On March 19th, Special Olympics New York will host the 3rd Annual "Freezin' for a Reason" Town of Oyster Bay Polar Plunge at TOBAY Beach. "Brave souls with warm hearts will run, jump, and dive into the waters of TOBAY Beach to raise funds for the athletes of Special Olympics New York," Councilman Coschignano said. "All funds support Special Olympics New York's programs and promote awareness of people living with intellectual disabilities in New York." Visit www.polarplungeNY.org/tobay to register; call (631) 254-1465 ext. 204 or email jcantone@nyso.org for more information.

TOWN OF OYSTER BAY ICE SKATING CENTER

Voted the "Best Ice Skating Center" on Long Island for the 6th Consecutive Year by the Long Island Press!

Upcoming Town Events and Programs

- Workshop Enrichment Program for Children and Adults
 - Free programs at local libraries through Town's Children's Magical Music and More and Distinguished Artists Concert Series
 - 'Learn to Skate' at the Town of Oyster Bay Ice Skating Center
 - Adopt your new best friend at the Town Animal Shelter
- Visit the Town's website for more information on these and other Town programs

Traveling Town Hall Coming This Spring!

Councilman Macagnone Recognizes HorseAbility Honoree



Town Councilman Anthony D. Macagnone (right) recently attended HorseAbility's Annual Gala held at the Crest Hollow Country Club in Woodbury. HorseAbility is a highly regarded therapeutic horse riding program that offers a wide range of programs for children, adults, and families with special needs. Councilman Macagnone is pictured presenting a citation to 2016 "Champion of Service" Honoree, Robert Hurley in recognition of his selfless, generous and tireless community service.

Supervisor Venditto Announces Filming Chapter in Town Code

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Supervisor Venditto said adding filming to the Town code has also enabled the Town to better regulate the production process and ensure that aspects relating to logistics, locations, scheduling, public notification and public safety are all handled and documented in a detailed and efficient manner. Under the new law, the Town Clerk serves as the license commissioner.

Supervisor Venditto noted that film, television and commercial productions can play an important role in economic development. "When production crews spend time in our communities, they also patronize our local businesses and, in some cases, help put them on the map," Supervisor Venditto said. "They also promote our Town by highlighting our pristine beaches, waterfront parks, Gold Coast mansions, beaches, ponds, quaint villages and awesome nature preserves. This adds to the cache, excitement and desirability of our neighborhoods."

Throughout the years, many productions have been filmed locally. The list includes Alfred Hitchcock's *North by Northwest* in 1959, *Sabrina* in 1995 with Harrison Ford, *Salt* with Angelina Jolie in 2010, and *Sisters* with Tina Fey and Amy Poehler in 2015. Television series filmed recently include *Boardwalk Empire*, *The Good Wife*, *30 Rock*, *The Black List*, *The Americans*, and *Royal Pains*.

"The Town of Oyster Bay has been like a second home to the cast and crew of *Royal Pains* and we have enjoyed many years of successful filming within the borders of the Town," According to *Royal Pains* Location Manager Michael Fucci. "We have even portrayed the façade of Oyster Bay Town Hall as the entrance to the show's fictional Hampton's Heritage Hospital. Over the years it has been a great partnership for us and *Royal Pains*, seen on the USA Network, has gone on to become one of the highest rated and longest running shows on Cable."

Supervisor Venditto said he looks forward to the Town of Oyster Bay becoming "home" to many similarly successful productions. "With our great locations, scenic backdrops and many other available amenities, filmmakers are invited to discover that the Town of Oyster Bay is a great place to live, work and film," Supervisor Venditto concluded.



Oyster Bay Town Hall doubles as 'Hamptons Heritage Hospital' in the popular television series *Royal Pains*.

Councilman Macagnone Announces 2016 Soldier Collection Drive



Town Supervisor John Venditto (center) and members of the Town Board shown with Command Sergeant Major Fred Manney during last year's Soldier Collection Drive held at Town Hall North in Oyster Bay.

Town Councilman Anthony D. Macagnone announced that the Town is participating in a 2016 Soldier Collection Drive to gather needed supplies to be sent to the men and women serving around the globe.

"Last year, Town residents, with the assistance of the Town workforce, donated more than 1,800 pounds of much-needed supplies," Councilman Macagnone stated.

Anyone interested in donating to the collection drive may drop off items at Town Hall North in Oyster Bay; Department of Public Works (CSEA entrance) in Syosset; Town Hall South in Massapequa; and at the Town of Oyster Bay Ice Skating Center at Bethpage Community Park. The collection drive will end on Friday, March 18.

"This program serves as an important reminder to our uniformed service personnel that the daily sacrifices they make are not taken for granted," Councilman Macagnone said.

For more information on the collection drive, contact Councilman Macagnone's Office at (516) 624-6618.

Lifeguards Wanted for 2016 Pool, Beach Season

Lifeguard registration for the 2016 summer season is currently underway for Town pools and North Shore beaches. Anyone interested in becoming a lifeguard must pass a 30-hour American Red Cross Lifeguard Training Course administered by the Town Department of Parks that will certify the applicants in CPR, first aid, and other lifeguard techniques. Call 516-797-4167 for more information.

Officials Attend Challenger Baseball Field Dedication



Town Supervisor John Venditto (third from left), Councilman Joseph D. Muscarella (left) and Councilwoman Rebecca M. Alesia (fourth from left) recently attended the Ground Breaking Ceremony to begin construction for a new Challenger Baseball Field at Fern Place School in Plainview. Established in 1989, Challenger Baseball is a Little League-sanctioned program that gives physically and mentally challenged children the opportunity to play baseball in an environment structured to their abilities. A Challenger Baseball Field was constructed at John J. Burns Park in Massapequa a few years ago and the positive reception of the field led to the development of a second field in Plainview.

Councilwoman Announces Drive for Open Government

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Prior to scheduled Town Board meetings, which take place on Tuesdays throughout the year, resolutions will be made available in draft form. Councilwoman Alesia noted that once those resolutions are adopted and ratified by the Town, they will again be posted on the Town's website in their final form.

"In addition to resolutions, the Town will also make available the transcribed minutes of each board meeting," Councilwoman Alesia stated. "Minutes will be posted once they are transcribed by the Town's stenography service provider and processed by the Town Clerk's Office."

All information is available on the Town's website, oysterbaytown.com, under the 'Calendars' section. Resolutions and Minutes will be posted with the agenda of each Town Board meeting.

"The Oyster Bay Town Board prides itself on being accessible to its residents," Councilwoman Alesia said. "We are one of a few local governments on Long Island where speakers are never held to a time limit, and residents are invited to engage the board on any appropriate topic during our public comment periods."

Councilwoman Alesia went on to note that outside of the desire to present its residents with more easily accessible government, the Town is taking these steps to help provide residents the opportunity to review this additional information on Town resolutions prior to and following the meetings.