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***Special welcome to your Civic's newest sponsor:***

**Suffolk Transportation Service** provides bus service to numerous school districts including our Longwood School District as well as public transportation services across Long Island. We thank STS for their support as well as the fine service you provide to our children and the people of Long Island. *Welcome aboard!*

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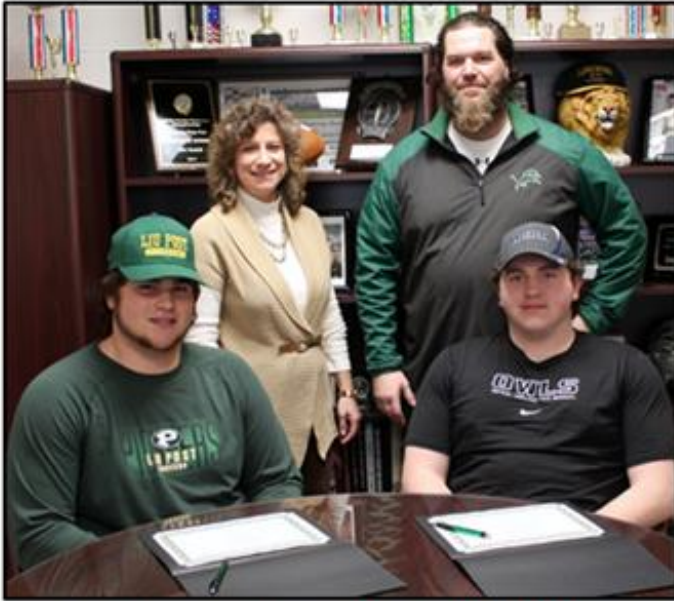
***In the news for...***

**LONGWOOD CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**Kindergarten Registration**

Registration for Longwood School District is scheduled for Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, March 14, 15 and 16 for children who will be five years of age on or before December 1, 2016...[full details](#)

## Two Longwood Football Players Sign Division I Letter of Intent



Longwood High School student-athletes (l-r) **Anthony Lavio** and **Matthew Weiss** are congratulated for their accomplishments by Director of Health, Physical Education and Athletics Gina Curiale and Football Coach Jeff Cipp.

Two talented Longwood High School student-athletes celebrated their commitment to play college football by signing their National Letter of Intent for their respective Division I schools. Signing for LIU Post, Anthony Lavio has enjoyed an outstanding senior year. Named All-Division, All-Metro, and All-Long Island, Anthony is a top blocker who consistently dominated the line of scrimmage. Anthony will pursue a degree in Business. A two-sport varsity athlete, Matthew Weiss will play for Southern Connecticut State University. As the District's first back to back winner of the prestigious Zellner Award, Matthew served as football team captain and has been named All-County, All-Division, All-Metro, All-Long Island, USA Today High School All-American and First Team NY State Offensive Tackle. Outside the classroom, Matthew is a football coach for LYSA and volunteers for Relay

for Life. Matthew will major in Business and plans to pursue a career as a police officer. The letter of intent is a binding agreement between a prospective student-athlete and a Division I or II school.

## LONGWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY

*Welcome home!*

Your library has returned to its transformed building at  
800 Middle Country Road in Middle Island.

...borrow free digital videos, digital magazines, free museum passes, search local history, join the winter reading program, and so much more! All you need is a library card! Need one? [Get one here!](#)

• Learn about the **new children's programs** from librarian Tiffany Russo-Malone...[Children's Programs](#)  
Read the Longwood Public Library current [Newsletter](#).

## NEW YORK STATE

**Goodbye prescription pads** NEWSDAY; Feb 28, 2016

On March 27, prescription pads become a relic of history when mandatory electronic Rx 's become law in New York State. Among that law's chief aims is reducing drug diversion and doctor shopping...[read article](#)

**Test boycotts likely to continue, supes say** NEWSDAY; Feb 26, 2016

One superintendent at yesterday morning's meeting, Brian Conboy of Seaford, said the 64 percent student opt-out rate in his district was "embarrassing."...[read article](#)

## LONG ISLAND

### **LI Poll: Hard times await kids** NEWSDAY; Feb 29, 2016

The gloomiest were voters between the ages of 35 and 54, and people with incomes of \$100,000 or higher: More than 80 percent of each group said economic opportunity locally had diminished...

...[read article](#)

### **LI's in the mood to fight corruption** NEWSDAY; Feb 28, 2016

Eight in 10 Long Island voters believe reforms are needed to eliminate public corruption "once and for all." Among steps that could be taken to fight corruption, 78 percent of respondents supported requiring elected officials convicted of felonies to forfeit their state pensions...[read article](#)

### **LI Election Boards: Workforce escapes job cuts** NEWSDAY; Feb 28, 2016

Election agencies in similar- sized counties in other states, such as Sacramento County, California, and Palm Beach County, Florida, often with just as many elections to monitor, have nonpartisan staffs that are a third the size of Nassau's and Suffolk's...[read article](#)

### **Beyond grids bid for 22% rate hike** NEWSDAY; Feb 28, 2016

Gas company lists other changes it wants state to approve in addition to sharp increase to LI's 567,000 customers...[read article](#)

### **Grid rate relief in focus** NEWSDAY, Mar 1, 2016...[read article](#)

### **The King and LI** NEWSDAY; Feb 28, 2016

How Hall of Famer Sol White made Babylon's Argyle Hotel a birthplace of black baseball...[read story](#)

### **LI Life: Stress relief for vets** NEWSDAY; Feb 28, 2016

From martial arts to comedy, Project9Line helps relieve postwar trauma...[read article](#)

## SUFFOLK COUNTY

### **Suffolk proposal: ban plastic bags** NEWSDAY; Mar 2, 2016

Under Legis. William Spencer (D-Centerport) proposed law, retail stores could not provide the thin single- use plastic bags for carryout items. Paper bags could be sold at checkouts for 10 cents each, and reusable bags could be sold for a minimum of 10 cents...[read article](#)

### **County eyes panel for solar-farm study** NEWSDAY; Feb 29, 2016

[SC Legislator Kate] Browning said the county has poorly planned how to use land in Yaphank, which once included 230 acres sold off for the Brookhaven Rail Terminal and now includes 200 acres of undeveloped land...[read article](#)

### **Odd search for deputy SCPD commissioner** NEWSDAY; Feb 28, 2016

SC Executive Steve Bellone last week placed newspaper want ads for a new deputy police commissioner even though Bellone announced his choice for the job three months ago. It doesn't even amount to a countywide search, much less a national search for the top-level position. Legis. Robert Trotta (R-Fort Salonga), a retired Suffolk County police detective, said the ad seeks a deputy with more experience than [newly appointed SCPD Commissioner] Sini...[read article](#)

## **Substance abuse hotline gets funding** NEWSDAY; Feb 26, 2016

Lawmakers Legis. Leslie Kennedy (R-Nesconset) and Robert Trotta (R-Fort Salonga) questioned why the contract was not competitively bid...[read article](#)

## **TOWN OF BROOKHAVEN**

### **Paintings depict black life, culture** NEWSDAY; Feb 26, 2016

On the second floor of Brookhaven Town Hall, paintings depicting African-American history are on display...[read article](#)

*From the offices of...Sup. Ed Romaine & Hwy. Sup. Dan Losquadro*

### **FREE Interactive Distracted Driving Course**

A free, interactive Distracted Driving Course is being offered by the Town of Brookhaven. A comprehensive curriculum will be provided for new and young drivers. Instructors will discuss the dangers of driving impaired and distracted, while also demonstrating with state of the art equipment what the negative impacts are.

**When:** Wednesday, April 13, 2016

**Time:** 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

**Where:** Brookhaven Town Hall, Second Floor Conference Room 1 Independence Hill, Farmingville, NY 11738

**RSVP:** By Tuesday, April 5, 2016; Brookhaven Youth Bureau (631) 451-8011

For more information, click on [Distracted Driving Course](#).

### **Special Event Calendar: E-Waste & Paper Shredding**...[see calendar](#)

### **6-Week Smoking Cessation Program**...[learn more](#)

### **Prom boutique to aid needy teenagers** NEWSDAY; Feb 9, 2016

The Town of Brookhaven plans to open its prom boutique on March 7 to help teens of limited financial means get a dress and attend their school proms...[read article](#)



### **Town Announces Pre-Season Resident Parking Sticker Sale**

The 2016 Seasonal Resident Parking Sticker at selected locations throughout the town has begun. The price of the 2016 Seasonal Parking Sticker is \$15.00 and is good for the entire 2016 season. If purchased before Monday, May 23rd, the sticker cost will be \$10.00. Resident Senior Citizen, Handicapped and

Veteran's seasonal stickers will be \$5.00 throughout the season...[location info](#)

## **EDUCATION**

*"Education is not the learning of facts,  
but the training of the mind to think." - Albert Einstein*

### **Rally: Common Core opponents say changes don't go far enough** NEWSDAY; Mar 3, 2016

Michael Hynes, superintendent of Patchogue-Medford said the education system...must swing back to the more holistic approach seen in the 1970s and 1980s. His remedies included more emphasis on recess, returning play to the classroom, offering some form of yoga or meditation to help children cope with stress and "authentic assessments."...[read article](#)



## **Opposition to Brentwood charter school** NEWSDAY; Mar 1, 2016

Stacy O'Connor, assistant director for finance and operations, said in a presentation that the school would drain Brentwood [school district] of up to \$15.7 million over five years...[read article](#)

## **LI district promises to enroll immigrants** NEWSDAY; Mar 1, 2016

Westbury settles to guarantee right to education. All children ages 5 to 21 are guaranteed an education, regardless of their immigration status, by the U.S. Constitution and state law. The enrollment crisis hit a peak in 2014 as the number of immigrant children coming illegally to the United States as unaccompanied minors surged, sending thousands of children to New York, including Long Island...[read article](#)

*Editor's Thoughts: Every teacher and administrator I have ever met has stood fervently behind guaranteeing every child the right to an education. What our politicians have to embrace is that in order to assimilate hundreds and sometimes thousands of unexpected, high need, students into a district, an extraordinarily high level of unexpected expense in manpower, money and facilities must be met...and met quickly...even though this burden was not part of the voted on budget. So Mr. & Mrs. Politician, while you so honorably, adamantly and most of all visibly "fight" for the rights of these "new students," you must also clinch tightly to the associated responsibility YOU have to the existing students and their educators by providing the money necessary for them to absorb those new students and their new found rights.*



## **Schools must budget smarter** NEWSDAY EDITORIAL; Mar 2, 2016

"It shows an administration afraid to hold or cut taxes because it's so much harder to raise them later. But that's the point of the tax cap, which voters overwhelmingly support."...[read editorial](#)

## **A setback for detection of autism** NEWSDAY OPINION; Feb 26, 2016

A task force's misgivings about early screening could delay crucial treatments...[read opinion](#)

## **Fed up with corruption** NEWSDAY EDITORIAL; Feb 28, 2016

A primal scream is growing among taxpayers outraged by public betrayals. Target No. 1: pensions for convicted officials...[read editorial](#)

## **RANDOM STUFF**

### **American Girl: The Secret Lives of Teenagers** NEWSDAY BOOK REVIEW; Feb 28, 2016

Summarized by a 16-year-old in Los Angeles: "*Social media is destroying our lives.*" Then why not quit, asks Sales. "Because then we would have no life," replies another girl...[read review](#)

### **Lose the sugar. Lose the weight?** EVERYDAY HEALTH; Feb 27, 2016

Can cutting sugar help cut obesity? The authors of the low-carb Sugar Busters diet think so. Discover why...[read article](#)



ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## EASTPORT-SOUTH MANOR Jr./Sr. High School



Fri & Sat, March 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>  
at 7:00 PM  
Sunday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM  
543 Moriches-Middle Island Rd., Manorville

Tickets available at [ESMONLINE](#) or call 631-801-3250

## North Shore Community Band at Longwood

North Shore Community Band at Longwood presents...

**Friday, March 18th**  
7:30pm  
Longwood High School  
100 Longwood Road  
Middle Island, NY 11953

FREE ADMISSION

March out of Winter Concert

For more information, click on [North Shore Community Band](#).

## Nikon at Jones Beach Theater

Starting in June...Dave Matthews Band, Sting and Peter Gabriel, Janet Jackson, Journey with The Doobie Brothers, Yanni, Darius Ricker, Jimmy Buffet, Rascal Flatts...

...[full schedule and tickets](#)



76 Main Street • Westhampton Beach, NY 11978 • Box Office: 631-288-1500

See The Ann Wilson Thing, Graham Parker Duo, Jim Breuer,

Elayne Boosler, Tracy Morgan: Picking Up The Pieces Tour

...for more information see [WHBPAC Upcoming Events](#)

# NYCB THE THEATRE AT WESTBURY

960 Brush Hollow Road • Westbury, NY 11590

See Lauryn Hill, Howie Mandel, Patti LaBelle, Sinbad, Kansas, Martin Short, Kool & the Gang  
...for more info on the [Performance Calendar and Tickets](#)

# THE PARAMOUNT

370 New York Avenue • Huntington, NY 11743 • 631-673-7300

See Tracy Morgan, Meat Loaf, Marshall Tucker Band, Carly Rae Jepsen, Belinda Carlisle, Ace Frehley  
... Access Full Paramount Concert/Show [Schedule](#)

# THE SUFFOLK THEATER

118 E. Main Street • Riverhead, NY 11901 • 631-727-4343

See March of the Leprechauns Pub Crawl, The Music of Frankie Valli, Judy Collins, Jefferson Starship,  
Songs In The Attic, David Cassidy, The Lovin' Spoonful... see [Event Schedule](#)

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## Join or Renew Your Coram Civic Membership for 2016 Now!



### Our Mission Statement:

"Offering a Unified Voice towards Bettering  
the Quality of Life in Coram."

Let's hear your vision for your community!  
Influence plans affecting Coram before the  
decisions are made. Be part of the solution!

To download an application, click on [Membership!](#)

*...and while you are at it*, please join or renew your membership with the



## Davis Town Meeting House Society, Inc.

Stewards of the  
Lester H. Davis House

(Corner of Coram-Mt. Sinai & MiddleCountry Rds.)

...for more information, visit the [Davis Town Meeting House Society!](#)

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# Upcoming Events!!

## Friday, March 4<sup>th</sup>

From the desk of...Suffolk County Legislator Tom Muratore



**Who:** The Centereach Civic Association  
**What:** St. Baldrick's Head-Shaving Event  
**Where:** Centereach Fire House, 9 South Washington Ave Centereach  
**When:** **March 4, 2016 at 7:00PM**  
**Why:** To raise funds for life-saving childhood cancer research

For more info contact: Jenn Dickson 631-835-3429 or Doug Dickson 631-561-8675 or [St.baldricks.org](http://St.baldricks.org). Music by Music on the Move- Mulvihill-Lynch Irish Step Dancers

## Tuesday, March 15<sup>th</sup>

### Open Invitation to the 2016 STATE OF THE TOWN ADDRESS

Supervisor Edward P. Romaine will be presenting his "A Blueprint For The Future" address on Tuesday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM at the Brookhaven Town Hall Auditorium located at 1 Independence Hill in Farmingville. Please RSVP by calling 451-9000 or email at [RSVO@Brookhaven.ORG](mailto:RSVO@Brookhaven.ORG).

## Monday, March 28<sup>th</sup>



**March General Meeting of your Coram Civic**  
**Monday, March 28th at 7:30 PM**

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Please visit the [Coram Civic Association](http://CoramCivicAssociation) online for more information on your community!  
 Want to report an unkempt vacant house or building to the Town of Brookhaven? [REPORT](#)



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