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City to vote on residence suit

The Glen Cove City Council is to decide Wednesday whether to appeal a May 15 state Office of Mental Health decision overturning the council's rejection of a residence for people with eating disorders.

A notice of a special meeting that begins at 6 p.m. at City Hall was posted on the city website Friday.

Mayor Timothy Tenke is introducing a resolution to file a lawsuit in state Supreme Court in Nassau County to let stand the council's Feb. 20 unanimous rejection of Monte Nido & Affiliates' application to convert a three-floor house into a residence for as many as 14 adults with anorexia nervosa, bulimia and other eating disorders.

The resolution allocates "\$15,000.00, plus cost and disbursements as invoiced" for the lawsuit. Tenke said last week the appeal probably would cost \$25,000 to \$50,000 of taxpayer money.

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RIVERHEAD TOWN

Forget overflowing garbage cans at South Jamesport Beach. It's one of two sites that plan to have Wi-Fi compactors signaling when they're full.



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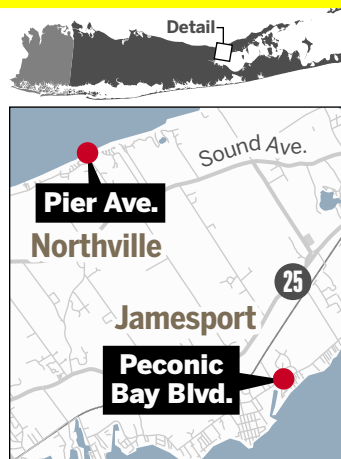
One man's trash is another's
HOT SPOT

New receptacles will take garbage, provide Wi-Fi, indicate capacity

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Riverhead is planning to roll out new trash receptacles that will have the triple duty of accepting garbage, providing Wi-Fi service at beaches and signaling sanitation workers when the bins are full.

New Wi-Fi trash compactors will be placed next month at two popular beaches in Riverhead — South Jamesport and Iron Pier — to help cut down on overflowing trash during the summer, town officials said. The installations will serve as a trial pro-



gram that, if successful, could see more receptacles placed at other Riverhead beaches.

Town Councilwoman Jodi Giglio, the town board's liaison for the town's sanitation department, said the two beaches were picked in part due to complaints in previous years of overflowing

bins during the summer.

"This will hopefully prevent litter and waste from polluting our beaches," Giglio said.

In addition to providing beachgoers with wireless service that has been lacking at those beaches, the trash bins — provided by Needham, Massachusetts-based waste management company Bigbelly Inc. to Riverhead for free — would send a wireless signal to sanitation workers alerting them to when the bins are full. The bins, which are normally emptied twice a week, will also provide the town with long-term data on the volume of waste collected at those beaches. Officials said the new equipment could reduce manpower costs and other pickup-related expenses.

According to Deputy Town Attorney Ann Marie Prudenti and other Riverhead officials, once installed, Bigbelly representatives told them Riverhead would

be the first community on Long Island to use Wi-Fi trash bins produced by the company. Bigbelly will collect fees through an partnership with a wireless service provider, officials said.

Bigbelly representatives did not respond to requests for comment.

Prudenti said Giglio and Town Engineer Drew Dillingham last year tried to come up with solutions to cut down on garbage and litter in town park facilities. In March, Bigbelly reached out to the town to discuss installing trash compactor units at beaches at a variety of places in Riverhead, including beaches, parks and the downtown area.

Officials have said Wading River Beach on Creek Road could be the next location for a Wi-Fi trash bin, but they are holding off until they can determine how to fill in cell service gaps there.