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BROOKHAVEN TOWN

Ramped-up effort to close landfill sections

Brookhaven officials said they plan to speed up efforts to close sections of the town landfill.

Town director of operations Matt Miner said Monday at a town board work session that an additional 15 acres of the landfill will be capped by the end of the year.

Town workers use clay and other sediment to cap, or close, parts of the landfill and reduce dust and debris spread by wind and storm-water runoff.

Brookhaven officials have said they plan to close the landfill, in Brookhaven hamlet, in about seven years and turn it into an “energy park” with solar panels and other alternative energy systems.

About 75 percent of the landfill will be closed by the end of the year if the additional capping is approved, Miner said. About two-thirds of the landfill was closed in previous years.

Miner said he had requested \$4 million to pay for the additional work, on top of \$3 million that already has been approved for the capping project. Town finance commissioner Tamara Wright said money is available in the town’s capital budget to pay for the additional work.

— CARL MACGOWAN

NEW HYDE PARK

Tully Park event to mark elevator fix

The Town of North Hempstead has fixed the broken elevator at Michael J. Tully Park. Town officials will hold a ribbon cutting at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday.

The elevator is inside a three-story building that sits on the park property and has been broken since last January. In 2017, the town tried to fix it about five times, but the elevator continued to malfunction. While many people use stairs to access Tully’s indoor pool on the lower level, those with mobility issues depend on the elevators.

The constant breakdowns and repairs upset town offi-



BALDWIN. Retired cop Harry Antoine tells Plaza Elementary School students Tuesday about his work in the NYPD’s Dignitary Protection Unit, where he once provided security for Coretta Scott King, wife of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.

cial and residents who frequent the facility in New Hyde Park.

The town is spending \$406,270 on a contract with An Excelsior Elevator Corp. of Westbury to repair the Tully elevator and another at Town Hall in Manhasset.

— CHRISTOPHER J. BROOKS

LINDENHURST

Parking meters now up near rail station

The Village of Lindenhurst has installed parking meters along a main thoroughfare.

The village board of trustees last week approved the installation of 17 meters along East Hoffman Avenue from Smith Street to Pennsylvania Avenue. The meters operate 24 hours and cost 25 cents for two hours of parking. The village paid about \$800 for each meter, said Mayor Mike Lavorata.

Lavorata said the meters are intended to target Long Island Rail Road commuters who avoid paying for a spot in one of the village’s desig-

nated LIRR lots.

A permit is required from 5 a.m. to 4 p.m. for commuter spots. Residents can obtain a free one-day pass or pay \$65 per year for a permit. Nonresidents can get daily or weekly passes for \$5 and \$15, respectively, or pay \$200 for a yearly permit.

Village officials did not provide the total number of commuter spots available but said the number of spaces exceeds the number of permits given. Officials said that since Dec. 1, there have been 646 resident and 219 nonresident permits sold.

— DENISE M. BONILLA

MANHASSET

Stream restoration plans being sought

The North Hempstead Town Board is seeking proposals to restore two streams at Whitney Pond Park in Manhasset.

The restoration of the streams, both approximately 2,500 feet long, would involve extensive sand and sediment

removal. “Restoring function of the streams is the primary concern,” the town request for proposals reads.

Proposals are due Monday at 11 a.m.

Whitney Pond Park is a scenic area with a pond, various athletic courts and a walking path. It is bordered by Northern Boulevard and Community Drive.

— CHRISTINE CHUNG

GREENPORT

Leaf blower proposal scrapped by board

The Greenport board of trustees has decided to scrap a proposal to amend the village’s noise code to restrict the use of leaf blowers.

The board voted 4-0 at its Thursday work session to close the public hearing on the amendment to Chapter 88 of the village code to regulate the times when leaf blowers could be used to specific times between March 15 and April 30, and between Oct. 15 and Dec. 15.

A petition with more than 100 signatures was brought to the board last summer, with residents citing noise and pollution concerns to justify the code change. However, a majority of the board expressed concerns over several aspects of the rule change during the work session.

Trustee Mary Bess Philips said she had reservations regarding how the village could enforce the noise ordinance on leaf blowers. Trustees Jack Martilotta and Mary Robins said they were worried local landscaping and other businesses that use blowers would find it difficult to have the proper electrical equipment and battery life needed to comply with such a code change.

Mayor George Hubbard said code enforcement officials would enforce the existing code if residents brought complaints to the village’s attention, and suggested residents with complaints ask neighbors in a “friendly, nice way” to curb the noise from leaf blowers. — JEAN-PAUL SALAMANCA