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### WESTBURY Building demolitions to help create parking

The North Hempstead Town Board has approved the demolition of two buildings in Westbury to create more nearby parking for a commercial building at 1025 Old Country Rd.

At its Thursday meeting, the board voted 5-0 (two council members were absent) for the proposed site plan, which would add 108 off-site parking spaces at bordering 19 State St., in Westbury.

Kathleen Deegan Dickson, attorney for 1025 OCR LLC, said at the meeting that the goal was to build “one cohesive parking lot that will serve present and future tenants.” She said one building is being used partly as an office building and data center.

— CHRISTINE CHUNG

### HUNTINGTON STATION Samuel Teich House gets landmark status

The Huntington Town Board approved naming The Dr. Samuel Teich House in Huntington Station as a local historic landmark.

The building at 1090 New York Ave. was once used as the office by a doctor who delivered generations of Huntington residents.

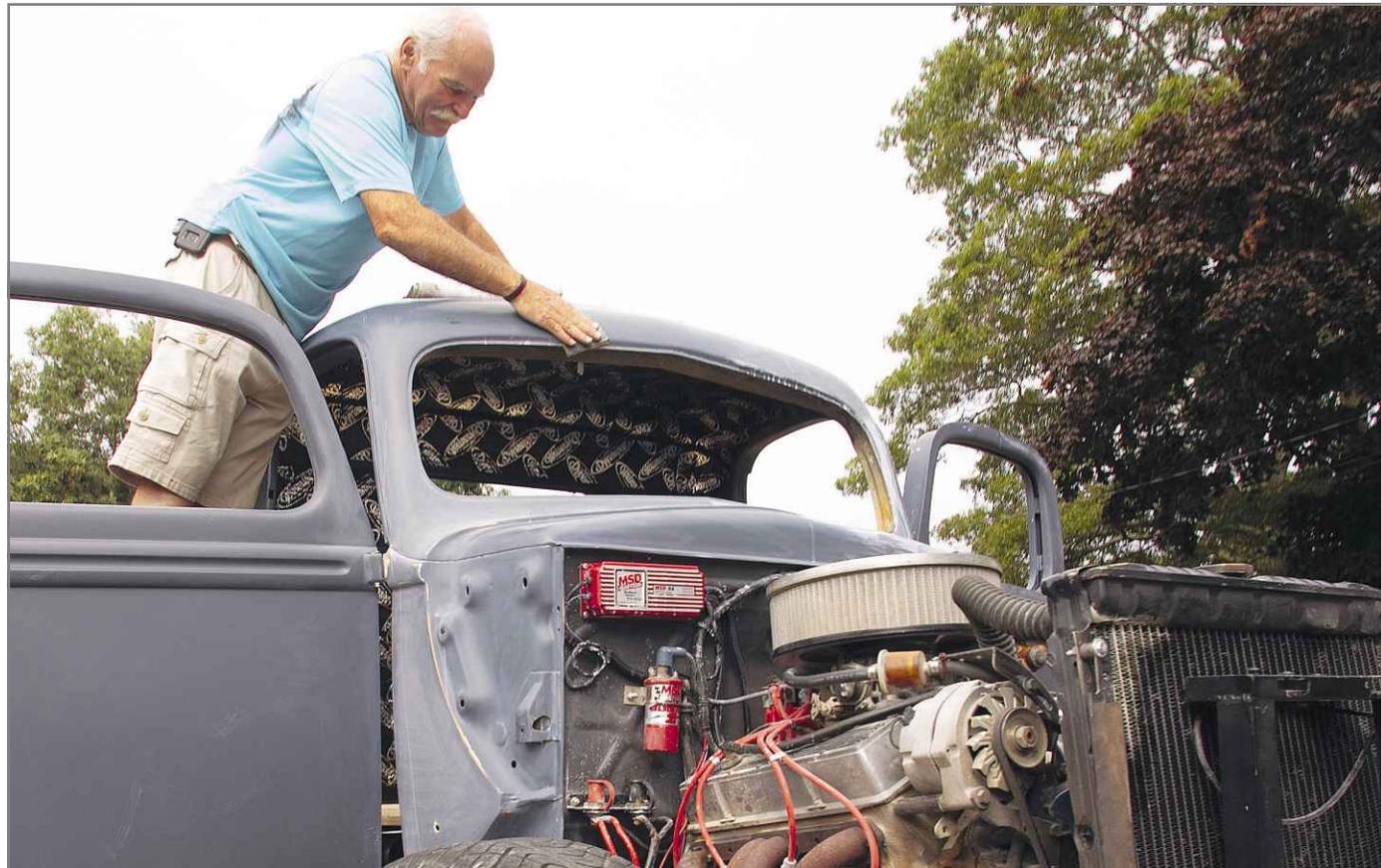
The board voted 5-0 at its meeting last Wednesday to make the designation.

The building is used as a residence with attached office space. That is not affected by the designation, but it does prevent the building's demolition or revisions to its exterior architecture, town officials said.

The town's Historic Preservation Committee recommended the designation for the property, where Teich, a physician and obstetrician, worked from 1935 to 1985.

In April, Teich's parents' home, The Max and Rosie Teich Homestead on Academy Place, was granted historic designation by the town.

— DEBORAH S. MORRIS



JESSICA ROTKIEWICZ

**Hot stuff for '47** MASTIC. Tom Costello of Mastic sands the primer on his classic 1947 Ford pickup truck on Tuesday as he prepares it for a makeover — as a hot rod.

### HUNTINGTON TOWN Filming permits, fees amended by board

The Huntington Town Board has voted to tighten rules for production companies that want to film in the town.

The amendments clarify insurance requirements, amend fees for the processing of applications and issuance of film permits and create additional penalties for offenses.

Town officials said the changes would mitigate the impact that film productions have on the town.

They also said the changes would provide more flexibility for issuing filming and production permits and the ability to charge fees without passing town board resolutions first.

The resolution passed 3-2 at last Wednesday's town board meeting.

Board member Gene Cook, an Independent, voted no as part of his protest to vote against the majority of that meeting's resolutions in response to what he says is the

mishandling by his board colleagues of the town's lawsuit with the Long Island Power Authority over the Northport Power Plant.

Republican board member Ed Smyth, who sponsored the resolution for the public hearing on the film production amendments, also voted against the measure. He said that while he agrees with the intent of the changes, the language in the resolution was too broad.

“The resolution was very poorly drafted and probably unenforceable,” Smyth said. “It included still photography, meaning it requires commercial photographers to get a permit. If somebody wants to go to Heckscher Park and photograph ducks for a wildlife calendar, they would need to come to Town Hall to get a permit. Should code enforcement start questioning anyone with a camera in a public park or beach [about] what the purpose of the photographs will be?”

The board also approved by a 3-2 vote to set fees for film permits and permit applications. The fees will include a nonrefundable application fee

as well as full- and half-day permit fees per location.

— DEBORAH S. MORRIS

### BROOKHAVEN TOWN Redesigned website for town debuts

Brookhaven Town has redesigned its website, making it easier for residents to report a problem and get involved in community activities.

Near the top of the home page, brookhavenny.gov, are four options for town meetings, online services, reporting a problem and getting alerts and notifications about town issues.

The tabs allow residents to easily sign up for alerts regarding emergencies or flooding.

Residents can also inform officials about abandoned homes, dog complaints, dead animals in the road and street lighting issues.

The homepage has added links for free environmental programs, the farmers market at Town Hall and the Brookhaven Country Fair this weekend.

— DEON J. HAMPTON

### HEMPSTEAD TOWN Passport services offered in 3 libraries

The Town of Hempstead is offering mobile passport services this month at libraries in Valley Stream, East Meadow and Oceanside.

The service enables those interested to apply for or renew passports on site, according to the website of the East Meadow Public Library.

“One-stop shopping for your passport needs. No appointment necessary,” the website reads.

The services will be available from 10 a.m. to noon:

- Wednesday at the Henry Waldinger Memorial Library, 60 Verona Place, in Valley Stream
- Sept. 25 at the East Meadow Public Library, 1886 Front St.
- Sept. 26 at Oceanside Library, 30 Davison Ave.

For more information, call the Hempstead Town Clerk's passport office at 516-812-3100.

— JESSE COBURN