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### BROOKHAVEN TOWN

#### Solar panels planned for Calabro Airport

Brookhaven Town officials said the 10,000 solar panels being placed at Brookhaven Calabro Airport will generate enough electricity to power nearly 300 homes once the installation is completed in August.

Officials said the ground-mount solar arrays will be added at the four corners of the airport.

Supervisor Edward P. Romaine said the move is in line with his green energy initiative announced in 2015 to significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions from town operations.

"These solar projects are a key element of our overall commitment to protect and preserve the environment in Brookhaven," Romaine said in a statement.

PSEG Long Island awarded Brookhaven a Feed-In Tariff in 2014 to install the panels at three other town-owned sites besides the Shirley airport: the town landfill, the Manorville Compost Facility and the Holtsville Ecology Site.

More sites, including Town Hall, have been added since then.

— DEON J. HAMPTON

### HUNTINGTON TOWN

#### Parking crackdown doubles summonses

The Town of Huntington has issued thousands of parking summonses as part of a new parking enforcement initiative that started March 1.

Officers in the town's Department of Public Safety Parking Enforcement Team issued 3,303 parking summonses with a face value of \$233,935 from March 1 through last Wednesday, Town Supervisor Chad Lupinacci said in a news release. In the same time period in 2018, the town issued 1,550 summonses with a \$129,830 face value.

The public safety department focused on enforcing parking regulations in downtown Huntington and at the

Long Island Rail Road station.

"We have received positive feedback regarding the increased visibility of the PET patrols, particularly in the village," Lupinacci said. "We have to exhaust every option before committing to altering the landscape of historic downtown Huntington to solve a problem that has existed for a long time, and has only been made worse by the granting of parking variances in previous years for development we just cannot sustain."

The parking enforcement program has two dedicated full-time officers and occasional part-time reinforcement as necessary. The town plans to have a minimum of four full-time parking enforcement officers in the future.

The biggest increase in summonses issued were for meter violations and commuter permit violations.

"We've had virtually no negative feedback from the public since we rolled out our Parking Enforcement Team, and summons numbers are up over 100 percent," Public Safety Director Peter Sammis said in the release.

"I think people are relieved to see the enforcement of parking rules, especially when

there has been abuse of parking for so long. Just this past week, my PET officers have told me they've been very well received."

The increased enforcement comes after the town held a parking violations amnesty program and collected \$162,161 on 972 delinquent summonses.

— SOPHIA CHANG

### FLORAL PARK

#### Burglaries dropped from 2017 to '18

The number of burglary cases in Floral Park fell 40 percent in 2018 compared with 2017, according to crime data the village's police department released Friday.

Floral Park had 10 burglary cases in 2017 and six in 2018, according to the Floral Park Police Department 2018 Annual Report. The report also states robberies fell from five cases to three, and larcenies fell from 34 to 26. There were five cases of auto theft and two cases of aggravated assault, with each category up by one incident from the previous year, according to the report.

The report notes that 10,941 parking tickets were issued; 1,698 traffic tickets were is-

sued; 40 arrests were made; and 80 vehicle crashes resulted in injury.

There are 31 officers on the village's police force.

— CHRISTOPHER J. BROOKS

### E. FARMINGDALE

#### New restrooms for main airport terminal

The main terminal building at Republic Airport in East Farmingdale will soon get new restrooms.

The state Department of Transportation, which runs Republic Airport, is modernizing the dated first-floor restrooms to create a more convenient and welcoming experience for travelers at the 530-acre airport, according to DOT spokesman Glenn Blain.

The \$278,000 project will include new fixtures, wall coverings, lighting, countertops, diaper-changing stations, water fountains and electric hand-drying equipment, Blain said.

The restrooms haven't been upgraded in many years before this reconstruction, and work is expected to be completed by early summer.

— RACHEL O'BRIEN



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## Leading the cheers

**ROOSEVELT.** Members of the dance team at the Children's Learning Center, United Cerebral Palsy Association, do some cheering Tuesday for a visit by Nassau County Executive Laura Curran to promote this year's Nassau County Empire State Games for the Physically Challenged, which will begin May 30.

### BABYLON TOWN

#### New fee for revisions of building permits

Babylon Town will now charge residents for any revisions that must be done for building or solar panel permits.

The town board last month unanimously approved fees of \$250 for each building permit revision and \$125 for each solar panel revision. The fees are being implemented because for each revision submitted, the review may require town staff to put in as much time and effort as the initial filing, said town spokesman Kevin Bonner.

"By adding a fee for revisions, we are trying to recapture some of the time spent reviewing multiple versions of plans," he said. "Where revisions are necessary, we are adding an incentive for developers to combine revisions into one overall submission."

Officials in the town's building department estimate that they receive about 200 building applications and 50 solar applications each month. About five of the building applications and 10 of the solar applications require revisions, department officials estimate.

— DENISE M. BONILLA