

## Around LI

### ROSLYN HARBOR

#### Hearing on dumpster and pod permits

Roslyn Harbor will hold a public hearing at 7 p.m. March 26 at Village Hall to discuss an amendment that would govern residents' use of storage pods and large dumpsters.

Village trustees are proposing that residents must obtain a permit to place a non-permanent storage container or dumpster on their property. The permit fee hasn't been determined yet.

A draft of the amendment states that the storage container can "not be larger than 100 square feet and shall not exceed 8 feet in height." The permit would allow a resident to place a storage container or dumpster on their property for 30 days. Residents would be charged an additional \$75 per day for exceeding the permit limit, the draft amendment states.

Village Hall is at 500 Motts Cove Rd. S.

— KRISTOPHER J. BROOKS

### BABYLON VILLAGE

#### Arbor Day festivities and 'Tree City' plans

The Village of Babylon is hoping to become a member of Tree City USA, the Arbor Day Foundation's program that encourages planting and managing trees.

To become a tree city, the village must create a tree ordinance, establish a tree board, spend at least \$2 per capita on urban forestry and observe Arbor Day.

The village board of trustees will have a public hearing on those efforts at 7 p.m. Feb. 26, at Village Hall, 153 W. Main St.

Trustee Mary Adams said during Tuesday's trustees meeting that the Babylon Beautification Society will have an Arbor Day celebration April 27 on West Main Street at the statue that pays homage to Great South Bay clammers.

It will include educational programming for children, and a tree will be planted and dedicated to the founder



JAMIE CARBONE

### You could goggle it

**HAUPPAUGE.** Dogs' eyes can benefit from UV protection just like human eyes can. This canine, whose human identified him as "Cobie" while they were stopped at a traffic light, was safely taking in the sunshine from behind some protective goggles Thursday as they traveled along Route 347.

of the beautification society.

The society in December purchased a half-dozen trees that village crews planted on Railroad Avenue as part of a revitalization effort.

— RACHEL O'BRIEN

### BROOKHAVEN TOWN

#### New Town Hall roof will get solar panels

Brookhaven officials are replacing the roof at Town Hall in preparation of installing solar panels.

Council members last month passed a \$1.7 million bond resolution to fund the project.

Bidding to replace the aging roof is expected to start no later than April with the replacement project scheduled to begin in June.

Once completed, the solar panels will generate 650 kilowatts of electricity, town officials said.

In addition, Brookhaven is

nearing the end of a separate project installing more than 3,800 arrays on the grounds of Town Hall. Those panels are expected to generate 1,322 kilowatts.

The panels will be managed by Wakefield, Massachusetts-based Agilitas Energy, which has a power-purchase agreement with PSEG Long Island and will lease land at Town Hall for the project.

— DEON J. HAMPTON

### HEMPSTEAD TOWN

#### Shelter to offer free pet microchipping

The Town of Hempstead has approved free microchipping for dogs to help make it easier for owners to reunite with lost pets, officials said.

Animal shelter staff can implant the microchips, which are as small as a grain of rice. The microchip, which contains an identification number associated with a pet

and the owner's contact information, can be digitally scanned on a lost or abandoned animal. A found "chipped" pet can be brought to any animal shelter nationwide.

The Hempstead Town Board approved the service at its Feb. 5 meeting.

"This technology is now the new standard, and it should be free for dogs licensed in the Town of Hempstead," Supervisor Laura Gillen said in a news release. "Reuniting family members is priceless."

Residents can call the Hempstead Animal Shelter at 516-785-5220 for more information.

— ERIKA PETERS

### SOUTHOLD TOWN

#### Furloughed workers get tax extension

Furloughed federal workers living in Southold who were affected by the recent government shutdown will be granted a 90-day extension on their

property taxes.

The Southold Town Board voted 6-0 at its Tuesday meeting to approve an extension for payment of property taxes by furloughed or designated non-pay federal employees.

Southold Supervisor Scott Russell said the board was acting to come into compliance with state legislation that Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo signed Feb. 1 that waived late payment penalties for federal workers who were furloughed during the shutdown. Collection activities also will be suspended for those workers for 90 days after the April 15 deadline to file income tax returns.

While he had not heard about many people asking for such extensions locally, Russell noted the option would likely be helpful for Southold residents employed in places such as Plum Island, which has several federal facilities.

"The offer is there if people need it, although I can't quantify how many people will," Russell said.

— JEAN-PAUL SALAMANCA