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WESTBURY

New parking rules near LIRR station

The Village of Westbury passed new parking restrictions last week to prevent commuter parking on several village streets following the closure of the Westbury LIRR station's north side parking lot.

As of this week, no parking is allowed on weekdays for one hour in the middle of the day on 14 streets near the Long Island Rail Road station. The new rules come two weeks after the closure of the north side lot, which will remain shut until early 2021 to prepare for construction of a three-level garage at the site as part of the LIRR's third-track project.

On weekdays from 5 a.m. to 6 p.m., village residents with permits can use the south side parking lot, while nonresidents with permits and others without permits can use the free parking lot at the former Source Mall at Old Country Road and Fortunoff Way.

People can take a free shuttle from the mall lot to the train station, but Mayor Peter Cavallaro said that some commuters have sought to park on residential streets for convenience and that the "one-hour blackout periods" on alternating sides of those streets aim to prevent that.

The mayor said Thursday that the village won't issue tickets right away.

"We felt it was only fair to warn people before we started ticketing them since it was a new situation," Cavallaro said Thursday night during a board of trustees meeting. "Starting probably in the next week or so, we would ticket [them]."

— DANDAN ZOU

LINDENHURST

Hearing on senior apartment rezoning

Lindenhurst will hold a public hearing Tuesday on a rezoning request for a proposed senior apartment complex.

The Flame Tree II project would create 16 one-bedroom senior rental apartments on the east side of Hickory Street and North Montauk Highway.



VERONIQUE LOUIS

Measure twice, cut once

MASTIC BEACH. Lauren Hill, left, of Bellmore, and Elizabeth Flagler of Levittown cut siding Monday as they build alongside fellow PSEG Long Island employees and the future homeowners during the 12th Habitat for Humanity National Women Build Week to help families in need.

Developers Andrzej and Joanna Mroczowski are seeking a rezone from residence to senior citizen multi-residence. The project would be adjacent to another complex owned by the developers, at 170 W. Montauk Hwy.

The project was initially was to include 22 units and entrance and exit on Hickory, as well as the demolition of two homes on Hickory, said village administrator Doug Madlon. Neighbors protested and the village planning board recommended that the units be brought down to 16, with the entrance and exit on Montauk Highway only. The board also requested the houses not be torn down.

In a Feb. 28 letter to the village board of trustees, the planning board recommended the rezoning be approved, pending a traffic study by the developer, which Madlon said

has been completed.

The hearing is at 7:30 p.m. at Village Hall. — DENISE M. BONILLA

BROOKHAVEN TOWN

Town-schools pact on roadway upkeep

The Brookhaven Town Highway Department has entered into an intermunicipal agreement with the South Country Central School District to repair roads and purchase salt and sand, officials said.

"The goal of this program is to identify opportunities where a town-village partnership makes sense and delivers real financial savings to our mutual constituency," Brookhaven Highway Superintendent Daniel P. Losquadro said in a statement.

Brookhaven last year was

awarded a \$20 million state grant to encourage consolidation efforts.

Highway officials said this agreement furthers the town's goal of promoting efficiency with villages and special districts.

— DEON J. HAMPTON

PORT WASHINGTON

Park pool set for post-summer repair

North Hempstead Town council members approved a \$121,000 contract last Tuesday with Huntington-based Rimkunas Engineering so the company can repair the pool at Manorhaven Beach Park in Port Washington.

"The main pool and the wading pool are experiencing problems related to existing

gunite/marble dust finish, gutter/coping system and appurtenances," according to town documents.

Manorhaven Beach Park, including the pool, opened in 1963. The pool area underwent a \$12 million renovation in 2010 and reopened in June 2011.

Work is scheduled to start just after Labor Day, and the company should have the project finished before June 2020, according to town documents. — KRISTOPHER J. BROOKS

SUFFOLK COUNTY

More seniors will get services, officials say

An additional \$2.5 million in state funding could reduce the number of Suffolk senior citizens who are waiting for county services, officials announced Monday.

State officials allocated about \$10.3 million for Suffolk senior services this year, up from about \$7.8 million in years past, said Holly Rhodes-Teague, director for the county Office for the Aging.

The added funds could help the nearly 1,000 Suffolk seniors who are on waiting lists for services such as case management and home-delivered meals, county officials told about 100 people at the Caesar Trunzo Senior Center in Brentwood.

"We have one of the largest senior populations anywhere in the state of New York," County Executive Steve Bellone said. "We want to make sure seniors can stay in their homes . . . and continue to age with dignity."

The additional funding brings the Suffolk Office for the Aging's budget to about \$17 million, county officials said.

Islip Town Supervisor Angie Carpenter said the funding could help eliminate the waiting list of about 150 people for a town Meals on Wheels program.

Louis Giordano, an East Islip resident who is blind, said that program helps him a lot.

"The meals are very good, and I enjoy having them," the former chef said.

— RACHELLE BLIDNER

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