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### FORT SALONGA Callahans Beach cell tower vote today

The Smithtown Town Council is scheduled to vote Tuesday on site plan approval for a 150-foot cell tower at Callahans Beach, a town park off the Long Island Sound in Fort Salonga.

Town officials have said the tower will improve problematic cell coverage in the area, with coverage gaps that sometimes cause emergency calls to be misrouted to Connecticut.

To minimize the tower's visual impact on the area, developer Site Tech Wireless Towers, of East Islip, would paint the bottom 75 feet of the tower brown and the upper 75 feet sky blue as a condition for approval. The nearest homes are about 800 feet to the west, with sightlines to the tower that will be partially obstructed by trees.

The company would contribute approximately \$250,000 for improvements at the park, including a spray park, pavilion and playground. Site Tech would also landscape the base of the tower with cedar, pine and bayberry plantings.

— NICHOLAS SPANGLER

### BROOKHAVEN Town will repair roads in Setauket district

The Brookhaven Town Highway Department has entered into a shared services agreement with the Setauket Fire District to repair roads and sweep parking lots in the district.

Officials said the district will reimburse the highway department for the purchase of salt and sand in addition to drainage and signage manufacturing on a per-case basis.

Town officials said they charge less for services than what the district would otherwise have to pay.

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

Brookhaven Highway Superintendent Daniel P. Losquadro said he envisions more consolidation efforts in the future with the use of his department's truck wash facility.



BARRY SLOAN

### Gold medal send-off for powerlifter

**OLD BETHPAGE.** Powerlifter Angel Athenas, 34, of Huntington, who won four gold medals at last year's Special Olympics in Seattle, gets a hand Monday at the headquarters of Family Residences and Essential Enterprises, known as FREE, in a send-off to this year's Special Olympics in the United Arab Emirates.

Setauket Fire District manager David Sterne echoed those sentiments.

"The Setauket Fire District is always looking for ways to be fiscally responsible and to operate as efficiently as possible for the benefit of our community," Sterne in a statement. "The fire district is fortunate to partner with the highway department in this endeavor, and this partnership opens up services to us."

— DEON J. HAMPTON

### OYSTER BAY Grant to pay for new crosswalks, bike rack

Oyster Bay hamlet expects to get decorative paver crosswalks and at least one covered bicycle rack using a \$500,000 state grant.

The town board approved entering into grant funding agreement with the state Department of Transportation at last Tuesday's meeting. Under the grant, the town would be reimbursed for capital expenses for improvements to downtown Oyster Bay's pedestrian and cycling infrastructure.

Paver crosswalks are made of bricks laid into the streets, whereas painted crosswalks are designated with painted lines on pavement. The new crosswalks would "create a safe zone for pedestrians that motorists can both see and feel, which should encourage lower speeds," town officials wrote in a 2018 application for state funding for the project.

A covered bicycle rack was proposed so cyclists could

"take a break from their rides to enjoy the sites of Oyster Bay without worrying about the security of their bikes," the application stated.

— TED PHILLIPS

### RIVERHEAD TOWN Move to limit talk to closed-door sessions

The Riverhead Town Board will vote Tuesday on guidelines on what can and cannot be discussed outside of closed-door executive sessions.

Town Attorney Robert Kozakiewicz outlined the proposed rules — which would be adopted into the town code — after the board asked for more specific guidelines last month. The request came when members expressed

concern that council member Jodi Giglio discussed matters regarding the potential hiring of a new superintendent for the town's water district outside executive session.

Under the proposed regulations, board members could not discuss the following items outside executive session:

- Collective bargaining negotiations.
- Proposed, pending or current litigation.
- Matters that may disclose the identity of a law enforcement agent or informer.
- Information relating to current or future investigation or prosecution of a criminal offense that, if disclosed, would imperil effective law enforcement.
- Matters that would imperil public safety if disclosed.
- Medical, financial, credit or employment history of any person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of any person.
- Any proposed acquisition, sale or lease of real property or the proposed acquisition of securities, or sale or exchange of securities held by a public body, but only when publicity would substantially affect the value of the property.

The board's regular meeting is at 6 p.m. Tuesday at Town Hall.

— JEAN-PAUL SALAMANCA

### HUNTINGTON TOWN Planning and ethics board schedules

The Huntington Town Planning Board has canceled its Wednesday meeting because the board has finished its work ahead of schedule.

"Due to the unusually high number of agenda items expedited and scheduled for the February 27 Planning Board meeting, there were no administrative items or public hearings left to be scheduled for the March 6 agenda," town public information officer Lauren Lembo said in a news release.

The next scheduled planning board meeting will be 6 p.m. March 20 in the town board room at Town Hall, 100 Main St.

The town's ethics board is planning to hold its quarterly meeting at 10 a.m. Friday at Town Hall, room 304.

— SOPHIA CHANG