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CARLE PLACE Group to host forum on medical marijuana

A civic association will host a meeting Wednesday in Carle Place to discuss a new medical marijuana dispensary that is planned for the area.

Representatives from Pallia-Tech, a Massachusetts-based medical marijuana company, will be on hand to field any questions from residents. This is the company's second meeting with the Carle Place Civic Association.

"It's just a matter of letting the community know what the business is, what it has to offer, and what it's about," said civic association president John Viscusi.

PalliaTech submitted a building permit application with the Town of North Hempstead on Dec. 21 to open a dispensary at 255 Glen Cove Rd. A permit has not yet been granted.

This dispensary would join North Hempstead Town's other dispensary in Lake Success.

The meeting is at 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria at Carle Place High School, 168 Cherry Lane. — **CHRISTINE CHUNG**

BROOKHAVEN TOWN Talks set on hearings to raze unsafe homes

Brookhaven plans to discuss setting a series of public hearings at Thursday's town board meeting to demolish a group of unsafe homes.

The residences are on Washington Carver Drive and Middle Country Road in Coram; Spring Garden Road in Rocky Point and Avenue B in Holbrook.

A vote to set the hearings is possible. If the homes are eventually torn down, costs will be added to the homeowner's property tax bill.

Thursday's Town Hall meeting starts at 5:30 p.m. at One Independence Hill in Farmingville. — **DEON J. HAMPTON**

GREAT NECK Response submitted in LED lights lawsuit

After a longtime resident filed a lawsuit against the village of Great Neck over LED



LONG BEACH. Lucy Ryan of Lido Beach plays on the swings Tuesday, with highs in the 50s. The warm spell continues.

lighting in early February, her attorney submitted additional materials on Feb. 23 from other Great Neck residents who also oppose the LEDs.

Attorney Tamara M. Harris, of Manhattan, is representing Judith Youngblood in a lawsuit filed in state Supreme Court on Feb. 7 against the mayor, the board of trustees and the clerk-treasurer about the LED streetlights recently installed throughout the village.

Youngblood claims that the lights impede her sleep and quality of life in her home. She is seeking a temporary restraining order and a permanent injunction preventing use of the light fixtures installed near her home.

The Feb. 23 response alleges that the village lied to residents while trying to gain the community's support for the lights. It also draws upon multiple individuals' affidavits to support the argument that the LEDs are "outrageously intense and bright," court documents read. — **CHRISTINE CHUNG**

WOODMERE / INWOOD Town gets \$1.7M to improve drainage

The Town of Hempstead received \$1.7 million in state disaster grants last week to

improve drainage in Woodmere and Inwood.

Town board members approved two resolutions at the Feb. 20 meeting for the town to receive Community Reconstruction disaster recovery funds from the Governor's Office of Storm Recovery.

Officials said the grants will be used to reduce flooding in high-risk areas by installing backflow prevention valves and increasing pipe capacity in low-lying areas.

"The Town of Hempstead will continue pursuing all available avenues to alleviate and prevent flooding," Supervisor Laura Gillen said in a statement. "We are thankful to Governor Cuomo and his office for helping us rebuild stronger and smarter. These are cost-effective, long-term solutions for homeowners and small businesses."

Hempstead representatives said the drainage is aimed at keeping roads, which were flooded during superstorm Sandy, clear. The new infrastructure will filter pollution from waterways, including Motts Creek, Doxey Brook, Cedar Point Lake, Hook Creek, Fosters Brook, Head of Bay and Motts Basin.

Design on the drainage projects is set to begin this year, with construction starting in 2019. — **JOHN ASBURY**

MONTAUK Deepwater hires new fisheries liaison

Deepwater Wind, the company behind a proposed South Fork offshore wind farm, has hired another fisheries liaison to enhance its outreach to the local fishing communities, the company said in a news release earlier this month.

The announcement comes as Deepwater is still searching for a local fisheries representative to speak on behalf of the fishing community, a critical appointment as the company seeks approval to build its proposed 15-turbine wind farm about 30 miles east of Montauk.

Deepwater is waiting for the local fishing community to select a candidate for the fisheries representative position, whose appointment is a guideline under the federal Bureau of Ocean Energy Management best management practices.

"We're waiting on the fishing community with a suggestion and we are ready and eager to move forward," said Clint Plummer, vice president of development for Deepwater Wind.

Rodney Avila of New Bedford, Massachusetts, the re-

cently hired fisheries liaison, will act as go-between for local fisheries representatives and Deepwater.

Avila, who had 50 years of experience in the commercial fishing industry before retiring, will also perform outreach to commercial and recreational fisherman.

He will work with Julia Prince, who serves as the Long Island fisheries liaison and the Montauk manager.

— **VERA CHINESE**

HUNTINGTON TOWN Town board changes some meeting dates

The dates of some upcoming meetings of the Huntington Town Board have been changed.

The board voted to cancel the April 24 meeting, move the May 8 meeting to May 1 at 2 p.m. and moved the May 22 meeting to May 15 at 7 p.m.

The changes are due to scheduling conflicts for some of the town board members, town officials said.

The board voted 5-0 for the changes.

The meetings will be held at Town Hall, 100 Main St.

— **DEBORAH S. MORRIS**