



Hope Perseveres

Winter in Southampton Village has felt different this year. As we fight against the COVID-19 pandemic, we have been forced to make enormous sacrifices including, our family gatherings, school lessons, and our way of life. In a year marked by so much loss, I am immensely proud of the Village's hope and persistence in the face of adversity. From our hospital workers to our small business owners, our teachers to our first responders and essential workers, many have demonstrated extraordinary dedication to our Village community. We would like to extend a thank you to our frontline workers, most notably to those in healthcare. Your consistent work in the fight against the second wave of COVID-19 has been nothing short of heroic, once again.

Despite the pandemic, Southampton Village government has remained steadfast in its work to prioritize the health and safety of our residents. When COVID-19 first struck, we worked together to ensure that Southampton Hospital had ample Personal Protective Equipment, including N95 masks, gowns, oxygen tanks, and ventilators. In March, our Village was the first in New York State to issue a mask mandate. Although this decision was initially met with resistance, we are confident that it benefitted not only Southampton Village but also the entirety of New York State - by leading by example. Recognizing the importance of accessible and affordable COVID-19 testing, our administration worked

diligently to establish weekly drive-thru rapid antigen and PCR COVID-19 test sites in the Village. This will continue every Saturday in January at the former EMS barn and soon to be home to Heart of the Hamptons. Since we were unable to receive County funds for this endeavor, it was financed entirely by local nonprofits.

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As we approach the rollout of the COVID-19 vaccine, Village Hall will provide residents with vaccination updates via email and postage. In adherence to the New York State Department of Health's Vaccination plan, Southampton Hospital has already commenced vaccinations for healthcare workers, EMS workers, Urgent Care providers, medical examiners, and other frontline medical workers. These initial vaccinations were part of Phase 1A of the vaccine rollout, as outlined by the NYSDOH. With the start of Phase 1B, vaccinations began for teachers, public safety and transit workers



Mayor Jesse Warren

as well as residents 65 and older.

Our work and accomplishments this year are not limited solely to coronavirus relief. We have made great strides in environmental legislation, infrastructure development, as well as downtown revitalization and support for business owners. You can read more about these advancements in this newsletter.

All of us have had to endure varying levels of hardship and sacrifice this past year, and it is my hope that 2021 brings a renewed sense of joy and prosperity into our lives. As always, we welcome any suggestions via email (mayoroffice@southamptonvillage.org) or telephone (631-283-0247 Ext 222). Onwards to the New Year!

All the best,
Jesse

It Takes a Village

Thank you to the dedicated staff that helps our Village thrive. From the nurses at Southampton Hospital, to the volunteer EMT's to our religious leaders and community teachers, you *are* our Village. You make our community stronger and you have remained determined and loyal during these challenging times. We salute you!

May the New Year bring you joy and success.

THANK YOU to the Southampton Village Business Revitalization Committee (BRC)!!!
The Southampton Village Holiday Gift Drive collected and distributed presents, joy and holiday cheer to 85 local families this year!

HOW TO STAY INFORMED ABOUT SOUTHAMPTON VILLAGE COVID TESTING

All new COVID testing dates are posted immediately to our village website. Go to southamptonvillage.org and scroll down on the homepage. Underneath the “What’s Happening in Southampton Village” header, new dates will appear with “COVID Testing” in the title. You can access the flyers by clicking “additional information” that lists all relevant insurance, cost, and other important information.

Stay informed and sign up for notifications:

Above the “What’s Happening in Southampton Village” section of the Homepage, there are five different icons. Beneath the envelope icon, click where it says “Stay Connected”. Enter your email address and you will get email alerts every time the Mayor’s office posts COVID announcements or other important Village updates.

MESSAGE FROM TRUSTEE GINA ARRESTA



Trustee Gina Arresta



HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY to WWII Veteran John Holden

On behalf of Southampton Village, we thank you for your service and wish you a wonderful birthday!

Since Election Day, I have been truly humbled by the outpouring of congratulations and well wishes from our residents. The Village of Southampton sent a clear message that we want a new direction to represent our shared goals. It will take time to enact lasting change, if we continue to work together, I believe we will be a municipality that governs and leads by example.

During my first month serving as a Trustee, I have focused my time and energy learning about the intricacies of our short and long-term financial obligations. My goals of an efficient government, clean waters, and a revitalized downtown area will only be achieved by working and implementing a long-term plan to ensure the viability of our Village.

Part of this long term plan includes focusing and ensuring our Village employees are comfortable in their positions while we empower our departments to facilitate change. I will continue to utilize my management skills to ensure that communication is thorough, concise, and effective.

My daily liaison duties as Trustee and Deputy Mayor include working with The Department of Public Works and The Budget and Finance Committee. Gary Goleski, the Superintendent of Public Works, is committed to ensuring the maintenance and upkeep of our Village is pristine and impeccably maintained. I have also had the pleasure of coordinating with our newly appointed Administrator, Charlene Kagel-Betts. Together, we have been brainstorming financial and budgetary suggestions that will ensure the betterment of our beautiful Village.

Please continue to stay safe and healthy. Thank you all again for this opportunity to serve and work for you!



HEART OF THE HAMPTONS POLAR BEAR PLUNGE

heartofthehamptons.org/polar-bear-plunge-2020

Congratulations to the entire Heart of the Hampton’s team for organizing an incredible socially distanced parade and virtual Polar Bear Plunge! **Together with their hard work and the generosity of our Village Community, they raised \$522,749.**



Wright & Co doing the socially distanced plunge.

JANUARY MEETINGS

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
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PB 5:30 pm (PS) 4	5	6	PC 5 pm (PS) 7	8
ARB 7pm 11	12	13	BOT 6 pm (PS) 14	15
18	ZBA 6 pm (WS) 19	20	21	22
PB 5 pm (WS) ARB 7 pm 25	BOT 6 pm (WS) 26	27	ZBA 6 pm (PS) 28	29

FEBRUARY MEETINGS

PB 5:30 pm (PS) 1	2	3	PC 5 pm 4	5
ARB 7 pm 8	9	10	BOT 6 pm (PS) 11	12
15	ZBA 6 pm (WS) 16	17	18	19
PB 5pm (WS) ARB 7 pm 22	BOT 6 pm (WS) 23	24	ZBA 6 pm (PS) 25	26

MARCH MEETINGS

PB 5:30 pm (PS) 1	2	3	PC 5 pm 4	5
ARB 7 pm 8	9	10	BOT 6 pm (PS) 11	12
15	ZBA 6 pm (WS) 16	17	18	19
ARB 7 pm 22	BOT 6 pm (WS) 23	24	ZBA 6 pm (PS) 25	26
PB 5 pm (WS) 29	30	31		

BOT: Board of Trustees PB: Planning Board ZBA: Zoning Board of Appeals
PC: Planning Commission ARB: Architectural Review Board WS: Working Session
PS: Public Session

VILLAGE MEETINGS ON ZOOM

Would you like to watch a ZOOM Board of Trustees Meeting, ARB, Planning Board, or ZBA meeting?

You can tune in during any of our scheduled meetings by visiting our Southampton Village YouTube Channel:

www.youtube.com/channel/UCwDidTdhkHXbspR0hkoxH4g

FAQ'S About meetings

Do I need a ZOOM link to watch the meeting? No, you do not need a link to watch live meetings. Our meetings are live-streamed on youtube. You can watch by visiting our channel and clicking on the video:

www.youtube.com/channel/UCwDidTdhkHXbspR0hkoxH4g.

If you are participating in a Zoom meeting as either a presenter or wishing to make a public comment, contact us for a link.

It's not working- I'm on youtube, and the meeting is supposed to begin, but I don't see anything? Meetings generally begin on time, however, after taking roll call, there is often a momentary delay for the live streaming portion to start- refresh the page after five or ten minutes, and the meeting should appear with "live" written in red.



Education • Exhibition • Performance

The SCC has always been a big believer in the transformative power of art and culture, whether that be through theater, dance, concerts, or art exhibitions and various instruction programs. Our mission has always been to enhance the quality of life in our special community through these events in a common space. We thrive on bringing people together, which is why it is so strange that we now find ourselves in a situation where common spaces need to be avoided. This new reality weighs heavily on our hearts, yet we have the utmost confidence that we'll emerge more connected than ever in the face of COVID-19.

We have been able to bring back art classes and dance workshops for children and adults as well as exhibitions, all in a manner protecting the safety of our students, patrons and staff. We went virtual where possible and provided resources for our artists and students, recognizing that during a time of crisis we need the arts more than ever as an outlet for creative energy. The gallery features exhibitions and we offer in person and virtual classes.

Our accomplishments include...

Supporting Local Business:

1. We expanded outdoor seating in restaurants, which has contributed to strong business numbers despite coronavirus restrictions.
2. We created a mechanism within the Architectural Review Board that streamlined the business signage approval process, making it quicker and easier for businesses to advertise.
3. In 2020, we had record non-vacancies in our Downtown.
4. In partnership with the Southampton Arts Center, we created the Storefront Art Project, an initiative that has brought installations by East End artists into vacant store windows. The program promotes local talent while also livening our Downtown with artistic attractions and increasing pedestrian traffic.



Alice Hope's *Priceless* sits in the window of 8 Jobs Lane as part of the Storefront Art Project.



Outdoor dining on Main Street.

Enhancing Village Life:

1. We worked closely with the Department of Public Works to fix the drainage issues that have plagued Main Street and caused flooding for the past decade.
2. We continue to update catch basins to prevent further flooding on Wooley Street, Meeting House Lane, and Hampton Road.
3. We are currently establishing a Village Life Helpline that residents can call to report any quality of life issues in the Village.
4. We introduced legislation to improve housing for year-round residents, millennials and seniors.
5. We adopted Dark Skies legislation into local law.
6. We historically landmarked the Pyrrhus Concer site on Pond Lane.

Improving Government Efficiency:

1. For decades, Village Hall has relied on outdated technology to file and maintain important documents. We are updating the Village's civic software to use CivicClerk®, an agenda management software that grant residents access to public records without a Freedom of Information Law request.
2. We are implementing Questica, a budgetary management software that completes multi-year budget forecasting and data consolidation functions. The software will replace our previous mechanisms of spreadsheets and pen and paper budgeting, which were both time-consuming and opaque.
3. We hired Charlene Kagel-Betts, a highly experienced auditor and Certified Public Accountant from the Town of East Hampton. Charlene serves as our Village Administrator, Treasurer, and Clerk.



A harvester removes invasive lily pads from Lake Agawam.



Environmental research at Old Town Pond.

Making Southampton Greener:

1. We helped form The Lake Agawam Conservancy which raised over three-quarters of a million dollars to invest in Lake Agawam.
2. In collaboration with the Town of Southampton Trustees, we installed a bioswale on Lake Agawam's south side.
3. We worked to receive \$94,898 in funding for Old Town Pond bioswales and \$134,250 for a PRB study. New York State also awarded us \$200,000 in Smart City Grants to update our septic systems.
4. We installed a telemetric buoy that tracks real time, harmful algal bloom levels, temperatures, PH levels, and other scientific data.

Employees of the Month

Thank You to our dedicated Village staff who have displayed extraordinary dedication!



Michael Quick
November 2019
Parks Department



Stephen Elliston
December 2019
Highway Department



Mark Maddock
January 2020
Central Garage



F. Carl Davis
February 2020
Police Department



Mauricio Espinoza
March 2020
Building Maintenance



Daniel Foisset
April 2020
Ambulance Department



Richard Hale
May 2020
Central Garage



Jack Dhew
June 2020
Building Maintenance



Maryann Wright
July 2020
Building Maintenance



Cyrus Tison
August 2020
Building Maintenance



Bob Hand
August 2020
Building Maintenance



Angel Perez
September 2020
Police Department



Patricia Ledermann
October 2020
Village Clerks Office



Mylene Michel-Guerra
October 2020
Village Clerks Office



Diane Gregor
November 2020
Building Inspector's Office

East End Collected6

Conceived and Curated by Paton Miller

JANUARY 30 – APRIL 11

EEC6 artists include Linda K. Alpern, Mary Boochever, Deborah Buck, Dominic Cantasano, Isadora Capraro, Philippe Cheng, Joe Chierchio, Jerry Cooke, James Croak, Noel de Lesseps, David Geiser, Mary Delaney, John Dios, Melody Guini, Candace Hill, Dennis Lawrence, Christina Matthai, Gerald Monroe, Ryan Moore, Shimon Okshteyn, Zach Osif, Patrick Peters, Leila Pinto, William Quigley, Doug Reina, Bastienne Schmidt, Christine Sciulli, Anne Seelbach, Agathe Snow, Kevin Teare, Catherine Van Milders, Maria Vasconcelos, Linh Vivace, Claire Watson, Carol Weinberg, Suzanne Wetanson, and John Whelan.

Storefront Art Project

Enjoy these and future windows. Do some shopping, dining, and of course, visit SAC's galleries.

ALICE HOPE: Priceless

In the windows of 8 Jobs Lane



KERRY SHARKEY MILLER: Wild Things

In the windows of 84B Main Street

This project has been made possible, in part, thanks to the Long Island Community Foundation with the support of Southampton Village



Trustee Gina Arresta and Trustee Joe McLoughlin on election night.



Southampton Village resident Bonnie Cannon speaks with NYS Lieutenant Governor Hochul at the Bridgehampton Childcare Center. Thank you to Buddy Wines for his work building the new facility.



Drive through COVID testing at the Old Ambulance Barn.



GALLERY HOURS
Friday - Sunday • 12-5 PM

25 Jobs Lane, Southampton
631.283.0967



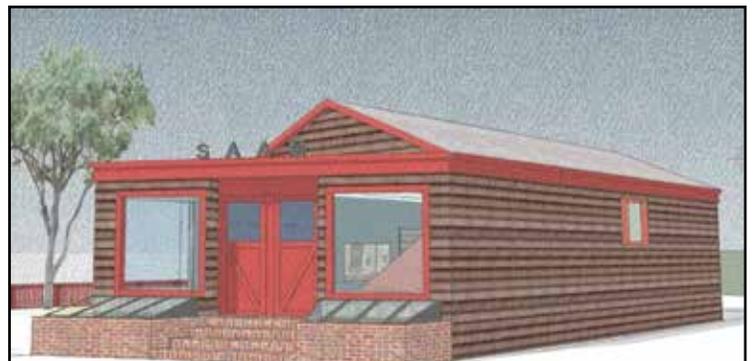
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Our Lady of the Hamptons Thanksgiving event: Trustee Arresta, Father Mike Vetrano, Mayor Warren, Father Peter De Sanctis.



Southampton Veterans in Agawam Park Veterans Day event.



IT IS EMERGING, reborn on the site of the former Randy's Barber Shop, a thriving Southampton African American business and gathering place and first African American historical landmark in the Village of Southampton, the Southampton African American Museum (SAAM) rises, as a dream from the dust of history.

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www.saamuseum.org



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We welcome your comments or suggestions on The Village News. Contact Miranda Weber Assistant to the Mayor at 631-283-0247 ext. 222

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Emergency

Dial 911

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COVID- 19 Vaccine

Please visit New York State's COVID Vaccine Site to learn more about eligibility and availability. Take their survey to check your eligibility. Visit <https://covid19vaccine.health.ny.gov> NYS vaccine call center 1-833-NYS-4VAX (1-833-697-4829) Sign up and receive NYS daily COVID and Vaccine updates <https://now.ny.gov/page/s/coronavirus-updates>



Just because you can't come to the museum in person doesn't mean you have to miss out on all that we offer. Join us for our virtual lectures!

Go to SouthamptonHistory.org/Calendar to RSVP for our **FREE** programs today!

High Style in the Gilded Age



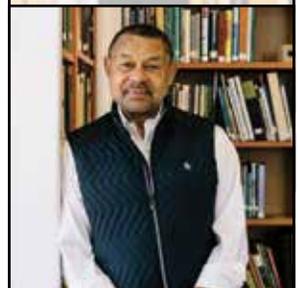
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Fashion in the Age of the Pandemic



February 11
11:00 AM

Whaling Captains of Color



February 18
11:00 AM



To see any of our previous virtual programs go to youtube.com/c/southamptonhistory

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