



A New Year

by Trustee Roy Stevenson

At the end of one year and the beginning of a new one, I want to take a moment to reflect on our shared progress and outline several initiatives I am looking forward to working on in the months ahead. Serving as one of your Village Trustees is an honor, and I am deeply grateful for the conversations, suggestions and simple neighborly interactions with you, our residents, that help guide my work.

Protecting our environmental resources and remediating damage already done continues to be a top priority. To reduce the underground migration of nitrogen into Lake Agawam, we are in process of installing innovative new technology known as a permeable reactive barrier around the northern end of the lake which will neutralize the nitrogen in the ground water before it seeps into the lake. At the southern end, thanks to the Village's partnership with the Lake Agawam Conservancy and their generosity, an 800' length of Gin Lane bordering the Lake has been cleared of invasive phragmites and knotweed and replaced with attractive native landscaping which will filter road runoff before it enters the lake. At the very southern end of the lake, the Town Trustees have installed a similar bioswale, with the goal of absorbing storm water. Thanks to these efforts, the Village's environmental consultant Dr. Christopher Gobler reports that the Lake is cleaner than it has been in decades.

Virtually all the cost of this essential work has been paid for — not by Village taxpayers —but by private donations and grants. In the coming year, to protect the western shore of the lake, we will embark on the reconfiguration of Pond Lane, moving it roughly 30 feet inland to provide space for a buffer, pedestrian walkway and bike path. We look forward to hosting public meetings to ensure the final plan receives full community input.

I want to acknowledge the continued dedication of our village employees— particularly our Village Police Department led by Chief Suzanne Hurteau, and especially the organizations that I serve as Trustee liaison to: our amazing Volunteer Fire Department led by Chief Polis Walker, our Volunteer Ambulance Service led by Chief Chris Epley, and Ocean Rescue led by Chief Alex King. The dedication and professionalism of these teams ensures that daily life in the Village runs safely and smoothly. We are so indebted to them for their service.

Another area that I attend to is the Southampton Village Partnership committee, a new group of business owners and residents who work with me to benefit the cultural institutions and businesses in the Village that enrich our lives and make our Village the interesting, fun and entertaining place that we love. Our local



museums, shops and restaurants are the heart of the Village—places where we bump into neighbors, welcome visitors and keep our local character thriving. Our goal is to provide a central informational resource, a directory/calendar if you will, that will enable residents and visitors to our area to know what is going on. We are especially excited about the upcoming U.S. Open next June and are exploring ways to extend its positive impact on the business district beyond the tournament's peak days.

Thank you for your continued engagement and for the trust you place in all of us who serve. I look forward to another productive year working together on behalf of our remarkable Village. ■

December Employee of the Month

Brenda Pinckney
Custodial III

Building Maintenance Department
Nominated by Robert Hand and the entire Crew of Building Maintenance



Heart of the Hamptons hosts their Annual Polar Bear Plunge raised \$350,000 to fight hunger in our community.

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Letter from Mayor William M. Manger Jr.

Happy New Year! I hope everybody enjoyed the holidays with families and friends. We have a lot to look forward to in 2026, most notably, the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. The Village looks to have the biggest and best Fourth of July parade ever. The parade, with its origins in the Village in 1920, has grown to become one of the largest on Long Island. As it is privately funded, I respectfully ask all who are able to donate to the Village of Southampton Fourth of July Parade. Checks may be sent to Village Hall at 23 Main Street.

Traffic continues to be a major topic in the Village. The County altered the traffic patterns on County Road 39 in hopes of keeping cars moving west in an efficient manner at the end of the day. The objective is to keep cars on CR 39 instead of having them cut down small residential streets in the Village. The Village has added traffic mitigation elements to slow traffic in areas recommended by VHB, the Village traffic engineers. At railroad plaza, a lighted median was installed that will be planted in the spring to slow traffic as it goes by Our Lady of the Hamptons School. The intersection of Somerset and Magee was reconfigured with a speed table to compel drivers to slow down and stop at the stop signs. Eight speed monitor signs have been placed around the Village to remind drivers when they are driving too fast. Your police department, under the direction of Chief Hurteau, continues to do a great job with stepped up enforcement of our vehicle and traffic laws.

Turning to our roads, the Village has recently repaved all of the Rosko subdivision, Armande Street, Herrick Road near the hospital, Halsey Farm Drive and Powell Avenue and Hampton Road (after they were torn up by PSEG and National Grid respectively.) In both of those cases, I am pleased to report that the utility companies paid for the repaving. While this is all positive, I do need to inform you that PSEG will be coming soon to bring a major power line into the Village at North Main Street. It will head west on Willow Street and travel down North Sea Road to the power station on the corner of West Prospect. The roads mentioned will be opened up and traffic will be difficult for a period on North Sea Road under the railroad trestle. As in the other cases, PSEG will repave all the roads affected at their expense.



milweed to attract Monarch butterflies as part of the Village's effort to aid this threatened butterfly.

The Village, under my direction, continues to plant 200 trees a year. You may have noticed the ginkgo trees that replaced the dying trees that line Jagger Lane in front of Stop and Shop. We also continued the row of London Plane trees south on Wyandanch Lane, known by some as the prettiest street in all the Hamptons.

Finally, the Southampton Arts Center will improve the grounds of the three-acre Village site that they occupy at 25 Jobs Lane. This centerpiece of the central business district will have beautiful, rehabilitated landscaping by this summer.

I am pleased to report that the Village was successful in securing a grant in excess of half a million dollars from the State for the restoration of Taylor Creek with the installation of a new culvert under Boyesen Road. This will restore the free flow of tidal waters from Shinnecock Bay, which will have a beneficial effect on the natural habitat, the flora and the fauna.

As always, I am honored to continue serving you as your mayor. Please know that you can stop by to meet with me at Village Hall on Tuesday mornings between 10:00 and 11:00 or set up an appointment with my assistant Karen Bontempo.

With all best wishes for the winter and the spring,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "William M. Manger Jr.".



Getting It Done! The long-awaited and crucial Permeable Reactive Barrier, that will help clean up Lake Agawam, is installed

Your Village continues to restore infrastructure with projects such as the restoration of Veterans Hall on Pond Lane and the proposed renovation of the gutted third floor of Village Hall on Main Street. We also must replace the fire truck bay floor at the Shinnecock Firehouse that is in a terrible state of disrepair.

The Village is looking forward to having a ribbon cutting with the Town at the new Moses Park this spring. The two bocce courts look fantastic as does the new playground for children complete with absorbing artificial turf and a Dr. Seuss-like jungle gym. We will be planting wildflowers and pollinators such as



Mayor Manger welcomes Red Horse Market to Southampton Village

Affordable and Feasible

by Trustee Len Zinnanti

The discussion around the issue of Village workforce housing can be passionate. Critics say that traffic woes, heavy demands on municipal services and a new influx of residents are all undesirable outcomes. Supporters say that traffic woes will actually lessen, village services (police, EMS and fire protection) will not be strained, and the Village can support more residents.

Southampton Village's geographical land constraints, and the density allowed in our code mean that there are limitations on high density housing.

The proposal that has been discussed at the Board of Trustees meeting, and has passed, is the mayor's idea that several of the Village zoned Business Districts, (North Sea Road and Hampton Road) be rezoned. The rezoning would allow workforce housing units to be created on current business-only zoned parcels.

This is a positive step forward. This moderate, viable proposal marks the beginning of addressing housing issues for our teachers, nurses and municipal workers. The Board of

Trustees has approved the renovation of 71 Hill Street which will include several new workforce housing units.

We have also made significant strides in many important areas, including enhancing first responder communications by approving our soon-to-be-built cell tower and protecting our waterbodies and environment by working towards the completion of a business district sewer system.

Providing local workforce housing is not just a housing issue—it is interconnected with traffic reduction and overall quality of life. When workers live closer to their jobs, daily commuting distances shrink, which directly reduces congestion on major roads and residential streets. This approach mirrors the success of traffic mitigation strategies like the County Road 39 pilot, where regional coordination improved flow, and reduced neighborhood impacts. With the Town Highway Superintendent, we have successfully lobbied the County to restripe and sequence traffic lights so that the successful traffic pilot, tested last Spring, will be made permanent, to enhance westbound traffic and



alleviate congestion on our residential streets. Workforce housing needs to be considered like traffic—a regional issue that needs a regional approach. Our Village and neighboring localities need to work together to identify and plan for workforce solutions that will make sense for generations to come. Increased rail service is critical to making regional workforce housing viable. Reliable, frequent rail options can connect employees to job centers. A combined strategy of local housing, regional planning for additional units and expanded rail service—offers the most sustainable path forward for mobility and livability. ■

Building a Stronger Southampton for Our Seniors

by Trustee Edward Simioni



build the stable and permanent structure our residents deserve.

The committee continues to refine its mission, emphasizing safety and well-being, access to information and local resources, community connection and social engagement, and a clear commitment to supporting seniors at every stage of aging, the Go-Go, Slow-Go, and No-Go. While we will coordinate with the Town and other organizations, the Village has an opportunity to create programs that reflect Southampton's unique character and resources. The work ahead is about building a structure that endures across administrations and remains focused on resident needs.

A major effort now underway is the development of a senior needs assessment survey. With guidance from Toni Mallone, who brings professional experience in survey design and outreach, we look to identify the needs of residents aged 60 and over, including those who remain active, those who have slowed down, and those who may be isolated or homebound. Understanding what the Village can directly address, and where we can partner with others, is key to shaping effective programs.

The draft survey will help us understand what problems can—and cannot—be solved at the Village level. Topics such as social isolation, access to activities, transportation, and local

gathering spaces are recurring priorities. The completed survey will be shared with key community stakeholders, civic groups, clergy, our police department and Rogers Memorial Library. Their feedback will help ensure the survey reaches all corners of our community and reflects a broad range of perspectives.

The committee discussed a variety of ideas raised by residents and stakeholders including morning movie offerings for seniors, early-opening "senior hours" at local stores, more benches throughout the Village, a winter-friendly seating area at Cooper's Beach, a Senior Recognition Day and improvements to confidential emergency contact lists used by EMS and police.

The committee will continue developing its mission statement, reviewing examples from other municipalities, and preparing recommendations for budget and funding discussions.

We are a community where neighbors look after one another. Our senior residents—aged 60 to 100 and beyond—represent the heart of our Village, and they merit programs that reflect dignity, connection, and respect. We are working diligently to create long-term solutions that will strengthen social ties, improve safety and ensure that all seniors can continue to flourish here in Southampton.

I look forward to keeping you updated. ■

As part of our ongoing commitment to supporting residents of all ages, the Village of Southampton Senior Services Committee continues to make meaningful progress to develop a modern, permanent framework for senior services within our Village. In November, I was joined by committee members and community representatives who brought expertise, enthusiasm and a shared dedication to improving quality of life for seniors.

Long-time member Carolyn Sartain Anderson agreed to serve as Vice-Chair, a move warmly welcomed by the committee. I recommended the appointment of Bonnie Cannon and Chris Brenner as new members—their participation enhances the committee's reach and helps

Hamptons Happenings

Around the Village

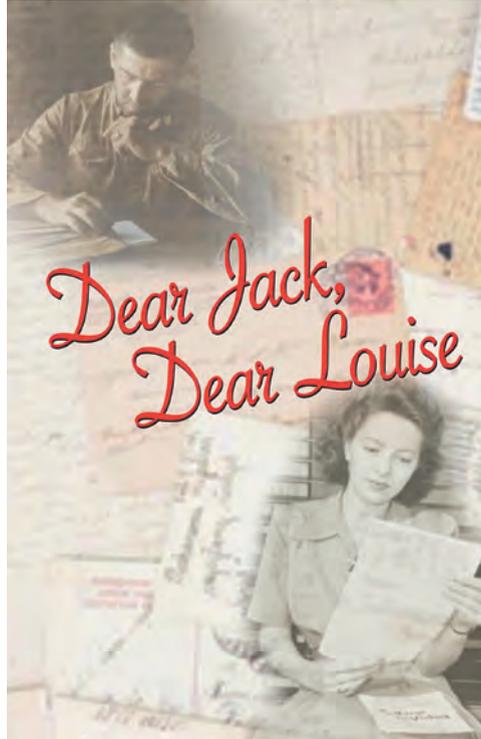
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The Southampton Cultural Center showcases a vibrant mix of music, comedy, film and live theater. East Meets West Jam Jazz Sessions return on the first Sunday (January through May,) as well as the Sticks and Stones Comedy Club series, featuring Tony Deyo on January 10, Paul Ollinger on January 31 and an All-Star Show on March 7. The Off Hamptons Film Festival, curated by Adam Baranello, takes place on January 17 & 24 and the Foreigner/Journey Concert Band takes the stage on February 28. The Liliane Questel Recital Series is held on March 21 and their popular stand-up comedy continues with Tina Marie Realmuto's special run from March 13–15, with shows on Friday and Saturday. Boots on the Ground Theater presents the classic play *The Miracle Worker* from April 10 through April 26, with performances on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays.



East End Jazz musicians at Southampton Cultural Center.

The Southampton Arts Center features a rich lineup of visual arts, theater and special events. A Figure Drawing Class with Linda Capello from 1:00 to 3:00 pm on February 13, 20, and 27; March 6, 13, 20, and 27; The exhibition First Light: Celebrating Student Artists of Southampton, is on view from February 6 through March 5, celebrating the creativity of local student artists, with Opening Receptions on February 7 and February 11 featuring student art displays and musical performances. Center Stage Presents *Dear Jack, Dear Louise* February 13–15, a heartfelt World War II love story by celebrated playwright Ken Ludwig, directed by Michael Disher. In April, the Center welcomes Hamptons Doc Fest Presents Docs Equinox from April 24–26, launching Earth Day week with environmentally focused documentary films, speakers and more.

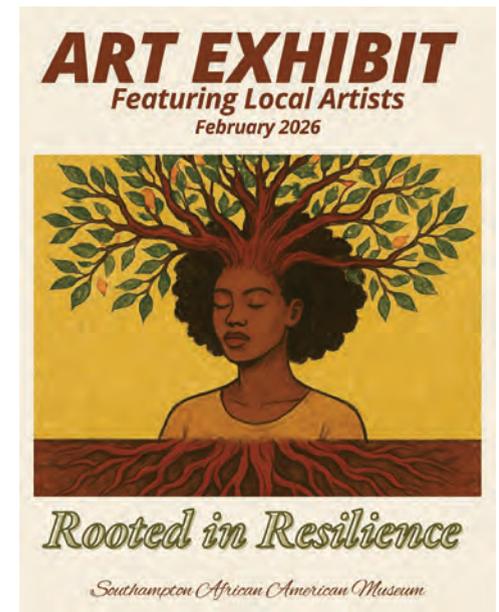


The Southampton History Museum offers visitors the chance to explore the rich heritage of the Village. The Pelletreau Silver Shop (circa 1686) is open Wednesday through Monday with free admission. Visit the beautifully restored workshop of famed silversmith and American Patriot Elias Pelletreau. Today, the shop is home to the museum's artist-in-residence, Alyssa Saccette, who teaches jewelry making. The Museum's Archives & Research Center is also open year-round by appointment, offering researchers access to archival materials and a specialized library ranging from 19th-century whaling logs to genealogies of Southampton's early English settlers. Appointments can be scheduled by contacting Mary Cummings, Archives & Research Center Manager, at mcummings@southamptonhistory.org. The grounds and gardens are open daily from dawn to dusk throughout the year, offering a peaceful way to experience these treasured properties in every season.

The Rogers Memorial Library presents an engaging lineup of upcoming programs, offering something for every interest. Highlights include Trivia Night with Think Inc. Trivia on January 5 and the popular Monday Morning Yoga with Michelle Beebee, running January 5 through February 23. The award-winning Long Island Sound Chorus performs on January 11 and on January 12, sports fans can enjoy the talk "Miracle on Ice: The Story of the 1980 Men's Olympic Hockey Team" with

Jim Ward. Breathe Together guided sessions are held throughout the month of February, One-on-One Medicare Counseling and Assistance (February 13), and the Wednesday Walks community walking program on February 4 show the Library's varied programming. There are also ongoing programs like Tuesday Morning Bridge, Tuesday Afternoon Mahjong and Drop-In Chess. Also check out their robust programs for seniors!

Celebrating Black History Month (February) the **Southampton African American Museum** hosts a special Art Exhibit featuring local artists entitled *Rooted in Resilience*. Book a Founder tour with Brenda Simmons and check SAAMuseum.org for more programming and info.



The Southampton Playhouse begins its second year with a range of new releases, repertory screenings and special events. The first membership event of the year lands January 16 with a movie trivia night hosted by Think Inc. and a special presentation of a classic film on 35mm. In February, the Playhouse resurrects its popular repertory series "The Spirit of 1932," celebrating the pre-code Hollywood films released in the theater's first year. Highlights of this edition include Marlene Dietrich in *Shanghai Express* and the Marx brothers romp, *Horse Feathers*. In March, look for a series of conversations with authors sharing their favorite films and an Oscar viewing party for the whole community. Check SouthamptonPlayhouse.com for the latest. ■

Clean Water for Southampton Village

by Trustee Rob Coburn



It's that cozy time of year to grab some tea or a glass of wine, sit by a fire, and read about the Village's plans for wastewater treatment.

While not as top-of-mind as traffic, addressing our longstanding septic crisis is arguably the Village's highest priority. Identified more than 15 years ago, tangible progress has been slow, a condition not unique to Southampton on this complex topic.

I wanted to provide some context about the need for wastewater treatment, then give a general update on where we stand.

WHY DO WE NEED WASTEWATER TREATMENT?

Wastewater treatment is a priority for several reasons:

- Old-fashioned septic technology is the largest cause of pollution in surface waters and groundwater throughout the Village
- Excess nitrogen has been linked to serious health issues, including cancer and neurological disease
- Without wastewater treatment, we cannot fully address other priorities like business vibrancy and workforce housing
- Under its Subwatersheds Wastewater Plan, Suffolk County expects us to install centralized treatment, and has both carrots and sticks to keep us

Most of all, I believe it is a legacy issue: we owe it to future generations to correct the mistakes of the past. And to be clear, those mistakes are not limited to recent development, large houses, or only those homeowners adjacent to open water.

Every home and business in the Village contributes to the problem. Homes around Lake Agawam contribute less than 2% of the excess nitrogen causing harmful algae blooms; the overwhelming majority comes from 1500 homes and businesses located up to 3 miles north of the Lake.

WHAT ARE WE DOING?

The Village created a Sewer District Task Force six years ago, chaired by Paul Travis. Prior to my joining Trustee Zinnanti as a liaison to this group in July, the task force had worked with engineering consultants to propose a sewer district, choose a particular technology, and begin the process of finding a site. Key figures from the consultant's preliminary report (available on the Village website) are shown in the at-a-glance box on this page.

The task force meets diligently every two weeks and is currently focused on

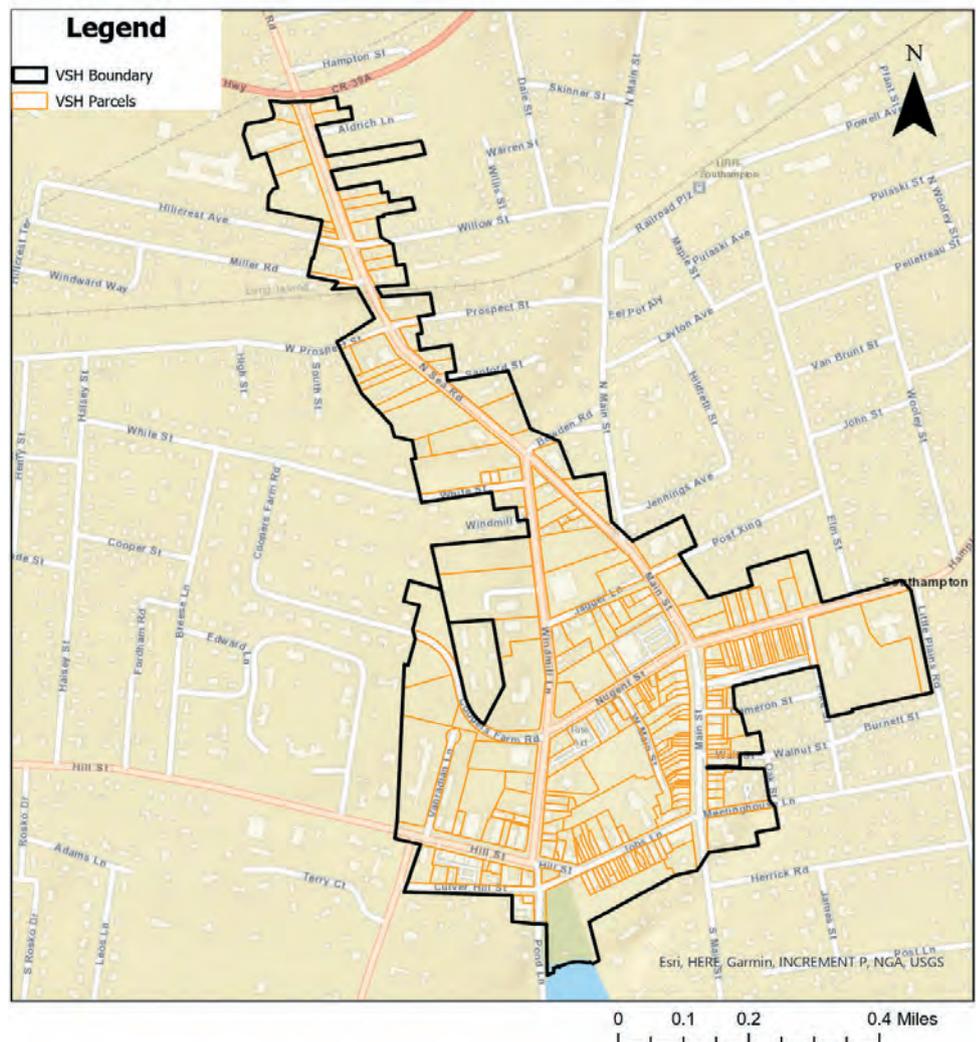
finalizing a site and updating cost and financing figures.

WHAT TO EXPECT

A system cannot cover the entire Village: it is simply cost-prohibitive. The current proposed district (see map) covers the heart of the downtown and adjacent commercial areas. Even in this limited area, installing a sewer will cause some inconvenience and disruption, but will ultimately bring great benefits.

Within the next few months, residents can expect the task force to present more details on timing, cost, and construction – and potentially on the location and design of the plant itself – at a Village Board meeting. This information will likely be covered in the Southampton Press.

In the meantime, please reach out with any questions. And enjoy your tea! ■





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The 4th of July Parade 2026

Every summer, the streets of Southampton fill with red, white and blue as the community — residents and visitors — come together to celebrate our nation’s birthday. A village tradition that has been celebrated for 105 years, the parade continues to be the heartbeat of Southampton’s Independence Day celebrations, and is one of the largest on Long Island.

Established over a century ago in 1920, the Southampton Village parade is one of the oldest & largest Independence Day parades on Long Island.

The parade route begins at Railroad Plaza, down North Main Street to Main

Street and Jobs Lane. The parade ends at the Monument Square at Agawam Park.

This year, we honor a once-in-a-lifetime milestone: America’s 250th Birthday. Hosting a parade of this scale is a community effort. The 4th of July Committee needs your help to make the 250th celebration the biggest, most meaningful parade in our history.

Every dollar of a donation goes directly to fund the parade. Your contribution covers marching bands, entertainment, decoration floats and staging.

You can send a check to Village Hall, 23 Main Street, Southampton, NY, 11968. Please memo the check: Fourth of July.

Winter Safety Tips

by Superintendent of DPW, Stephen Phillips Jr.

This winter looks to bring unexpected weather to the East End. Motorists often find themselves sharing the road with snowplows. In order to best prepare our residents for road safety, we have put together the following tips:

- Motorists need to give snowplow trucks a wide berth on the road.
- When driving behind a snowplow spreading salt, please keep back at least 200 feet and BE PATIENT!
- Even better, during heavy snow, try to stay off the roads.
- Do not park your vehicle in a Village right-of-way. (Your vehicle could sustain damage if parked too close the road.)

- When shoveling snow, place the snow with the flow of traffic, not against the flow of traffic. When the plow comes by again, it will push the snow back into the area you just shoveled out.

Keep these emergency numbers nearby:

PSEG 1-800-490-0075

Police Department 631-283-0056

(Emergencies, dial 911)

National Grid 1-800-490-0045

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Have a happy, healthy and safe new year!