

The Quogue Village Voice

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Those of you who have been away will probably be pleased to learn that our winter in Quogue has been quite benign as compared to the past two years. Happily, there were no nor'easters this month in contrast to four during March 2018.

Here are a few items that may be of interest to you.

Village Beach

With no serious spring storms so far, we have the same stairs in place that we did last summer and are cautiously optimistic that the beach itself will grow over the next couple of months and be wider and higher than in recent summers.

Over the winter, the bathrooms in the original beach pavilion were gutted and completely redone, and a new handicapped-accessible bathroom was added between the men's and women's bathrooms. A new ramp and storage shed were also added. We think that the local contractor, Pat McChesney Construction Inc. (which has refurbished a number of other local beach clubs), did a first-class job, and we hope that residents who use the Village Beach will like the changes. In order to recover the cost over time, the price of Village Beach parking stickers has been raised \$30 (up to \$120 for Village residents). The price was last raised in 2013.

The Village Office will begin accepting applications for Village Beach stickers (and lockers) on Monday, April 1st. Emails will go out to people on our beach email list at that time, and application forms and instructions will also be available on the Village website at www.villageofquogueny.gov. Please follow the instructions carefully and take care to submit all the information that is required. Please remember that applications may take up to five business days to process. Get your papers in early and avoid the crush—typically right before weekends, especially holiday weekends. That will save you and the Village Office staff a lot of unnecessary stress.

April Leaf Pick-up

The Village Highway Department will begin picking up leaves on Monday, April 1. Leaves must be on the shoulder of the street by Tuesday, April 30 in order to be picked up. Do not pile leaves around fire hydrants or utility equipment. **DO NOT USE PLASTIC BAGS.** They will not be picked up, and you will have to remove them.

No brush, such as twigs and branches, or lawn cuttings will be taken away, and mixing this debris with leaves will result in the leaves not being removed. Brush with branches up to 3"

in diameter may be taken to the Town of Southampton recycling facility at 66 Old Country Road in Westhampton for six weeks in April and May. For more information go to <https://www.southamptontownny.gov/334/Residential-Yard-Waste-Disposal-Policy>

Another Information Meeting Concerning a Possible Erosion Control District in Quogue

As many of you already know, a group of homeowners living on the eastern end of Dune Road advanced a proposal to have the Town of Southampton form an erosion control district running on the ocean side from 140 Dune Road to the eastern boundary of the Village, a distance of about 1.2 miles. In this area there are 46 residences and the Quogue Village Beach. The proponents wish to have a beach nourishment project within this area that would piggyback on yet-unspecified nourishment work that the Army Corps of Engineers is expected to do elsewhere in the region when the FIMP moves to the action phase. The cost, estimated to be more than \$9,000,000, would be financed by a bond issue of the Town of Southampton that would be repaid solely from additional property taxes assessed on properties within the erosion control district. Although the erosion control district would be formed by the Town of Southampton, under the applicable New York State authorizing law, the consent of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Quogue would be required.

Last August we held a work session to hear from people for and against this project. Quite a few residents within the proposed district did appear at this session, but we agreed to hold another meeting at a later date and will do so at 3:30 pm on Saturday, May 25 in the Village courtroom. While we believe that the people having the greatest interest in this matter are those who live within the proposed district, all residents are, of course, welcome to attend.

Quogue Market

The Quogue Market closed “for the season” over the winter, but unfortunately we have been advised that the former tenant/operator will not be returning. At this point the Market is closed, and the owners of the building are seeking a new tenant. We are hoping for success!

121 Jessup Avenue

Although people may not have known, the Village has for many years owned the building at 121 Jessup Avenue (the former office of Quogue Plumbing). Since last summer the tenants vacated, and the Village took possession of the building. The premises have been gutted, and the Village has engaged an architect to do a design to house the Village Building and Code Enforcement personnel. Moving those departments will give them much-needed additional operating space and also free up offices in the Village Office. While the ground floor of the building will be reconfigured and the outside will be refurbished, the character of this historic building will be preserved.

No Pet Waste in the Storm Sewers

Everyone appreciates it when pet walkers clean up after their animals, as local law requires them to do. Please dispose of the waste bags at home, however, and never in the storm sewers. They flow into the groundwater and in some cases to the bay and are not to be used as receptacles for any type of waste.

We are looking forward to the spring and summer and seeing everyone very soon.