

Dear Quogue Residents,

Information is coming pretty fast from the Governor, but before I get to that let me remind you that **July 22**, the extended deadline for paying Quogue Village taxes without penalty, is coming quickly. If you have not paid already, it's time to stop procrastinating and write a check.

Here are some recent pronouncements from Governor Cuomo's office and some other information:

1. As of Tuesday, the list of now 22 states from which people traveling to New York must self-quarantine for 14 days was expanded to include Minnesota, New Mexico, Ohio and Wisconsin. Delaware was removed from the list.
2. There is a new form that must be completed and submitted by travelers from the designated states. It may be found at <https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/covid-19-travel-advisory> and filled out electronically. Although the obligation to complete the form and to quarantine applies to travelers arriving by any means, currently there are New York enforcement officials only at airports, including MacArthur, to ensure that travelers from the designated states fill out and deliver the form. People leaving the airport without doing so will be subject to a \$2,000 fine. Details are at <https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/governor-cuomo-announces-travel-enforcement-operation-airports-across-state-help-ensure>.
3. The Governor released guidance this week on the steps required to be taken in order to open schools. The preparatory steps are extensive and will be challenging for school boards, administrators and teachers. They can be reviewed in detail at https://www.governor.ny.gov/sites/governor.ny.gov/files/atoms/files/Pre-K_to_Grade_12_Schools_MasterGuidance.pdf. Of course, the Governor has said that the decision whether to open schools will be made during the first week in August based on the data at the time. We are all hoping, that's for sure.
4. It looks like there may have been an uptick of Covid-19 cases in Suffolk County. Of tests reported in Long Island on Saturday, Sunday and Monday, 0.9%, 1.5% and 2.0%, respectively, were positive. Of 912 new positive Covid-19 cases reported statewide on Monday, 102 were in Suffolk County, its highest total since May. Only New York City had more. County Executive Steve Bellone attributed the increase mainly to the 30 and under crowd. I am guessing that there are not a lot of people that age reading this email, and so those of you who are hanging out with your kids and their friends, use your influence to reinforce the need to avoid large groups, wear a mask and to maintain a social distance.
5. The east end real estate market is doing well. Revenue of the Peconic Bay Region Community Preservation Fund, which is funded by the 2% tax on most real estate transfers in the five east end towns, was over \$40 million for the first five months of the year and eclipsed the previous record for the same period by several million dollars.
6. The comments in last week's email about the necessity of cleaning up after one's dog provoked some entrepreneurial spirit. So, if you are not inclined to take on the task yourself, I would consider it a public service if you would engage a dog walker who will. You can email the Village Office, and we will send you contact information for a walker.

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Mayor