

Dear Quogue Residents,

It seems like a long time since there has been significant construction in Quogue, and in fact it has been two months to the day since Governor Cuomo pulled the plug on it. Now it is back as Long Island achieved the benchmarks to allow Phase One of the reopening to commence. No more looking at inactive, partially completed building sites. In addition to construction that means that non-essential retail businesses can open for in-store and curbside delivery and pick-up (formerly only a single employee could be present for curbside delivery of telephonic and on-line orders, which probably worked in Quogue but not in most other places). There are a few hurdles for the business person. He or she must read the reopening guidelines pertaining to the business and affirm to whomever in the State is monitoring that he or she will abide by them. The business must also prepare and post on the premises a safety plan. Details can be found at <https://forward.ny.gov/industries-reopening-phase>, including a not-too-helpful (my opinion) safety plan template.

The much-enhanced Quogue Market opened last Friday. Angela and her new partner Elizabeth expended a good deal of thought and TLC restoring its appearance to an older country store. Please appreciate it and, more importantly, use it!

You will have until July 22 to pay your Village 2020-2021 tax bill (no, you have not received it yet but will in a few days) without penalty as the Governor issued a 21-day extension to residents of Quogue and other villages who requested one. I have not received official word on the Town of Southampton second-half tax bills due on June 1 (because May 31 is a Sunday). If you have not paid it yet and are looking for an extension, contact the Town Tax Receiver (631-702-2470).

The crowds at the Quogue Village Beach were modest over the weekend due to the weather. Those of you who did visit hopefully became familiar with the Covid-19-induced pedestrian flow. Many who tried to visit but did not make it past the gate attendant were reminded to bring a face mask next time and some proof of residency in Quogue so that on a nicer weekend they will not be turned away again.

Gatherings of up to 10 people are now permitted in New York. Social distancing and face covering practices must be observed.

Stay safe, everyone.

Peter Sartorius, Mayor