

Dear Quogue Residents,

As anyone who was in Quogue at the beginning of this week knows, the storm that hit us on Monday was a real doozy. The wind and the ocean were roaring all night, and my trip to the Village Beach at dawn on Tuesday morning confirmed what I fully expected—the stair was not there. So the beach is not accessible at the Village Beach and will not be until well into spring. Please use common sense and do not go out on the walkway or climb out on the dunes or on the sandbags. You will only make a bad situation worse and could get seriously hurt. You can still go to the Village Beach and enjoy the view from the deck. You can access the beach on foot via the overpass at the end of Beach Lane, adjacent to the Surf Club. As we did last year, we will suspend the “No Parking” status on that public road for beachgoers, but please take care not to block the overpass, which is used by vehicles having the necessary beach driving permit and equipment.

Which mythological figure comes to mind when you envision the visage of Governor Cuomo? I am pretty sure that you did not think of Cupid, but last Friday the Governor took two steps in support of romance. He said that New York City restaurants could open to indoor diners commencing on Valentine’s Day, a Sunday, up to 25% of capacity. Also, weddings can resume on March 15, a Monday, with maximum attendance 50% of the capacity of the facility, not to exceed 150 people. You’ll need to get a negative Covid test to attend, however. See this link for details: <https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/governor-cuomo-announces-new-york-city-indoor-dining-can-reopen-25-percent-capacity-valentines>.

Vaccines seem to be coming to pharmacies. CVS announced that it will soon be administering vaccines at 32 NY State locations. Not all were identified, but Mattituck is one that was. You will need to register in advance at CVS.com or through the CVS Pharmacy App and get an appointment. You might want to get on that if you are eligible for a vaccine.

Long Island still has the highest positivity testing rate in the State. In Quogue, the cumulative reported cases stand at 48.

The Super Bowl looks like it will be a good game, a battle of the old (in football terms) veteran quarterback vs. the young star. Enjoy it at home with your family.

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