

WPPB (FM) Peconic Public Broadcasting

Issues/Program List: 1st Quarter 2019

(January, February, March 2019)

Description of the issue: Meeting the on-going need for affordable and work force housing on the East End of Long Island.

Program	Date	Time	Description of the Program/Segment
Media Mavens - with Bonnie Grice - Fridays	Feb. 15, 2019	9-10:00am	The Media Mavens discussed the affordable housing that is being proposed for Southampton by an "up island" non profit. This group proposes 60 units designed for work force families and Veterans.
Long Island Morning Edition with Michael Mackey – Weekdays	January 3, 2019	7:43-7:45am	With the expansion of the Peconic Bay Medical Center there is a need for affordable housing for young professionals. A developer in contract to buy 26 acres of vacant land off Middle Road in Riverhead is interested in developing the site with 34 workforce housing condo units.
	Feb. 19, 2019	8:06-8:07am 8:49-8:51am	Support is building for a state bill, sponsored by Assemb. Fred Thiele of Sag Harbor. The proposed bill is to create an East End affordable housing fund through a tax on real estate sales in the Hamptons and on the North Fork of L.I.
	March 6, 2019	7:43-7:45am	The Fishers Island Utility Co. wants to build affordable housing on the island for their year-round workers, but there are concerns about the impact of this on the environment and traffic.
	March 8, 2019	8:43-8:45am	Creating more affordable housing options is a goal for Southold Supervisor Scott Russell. He is seeking to create 50 additional affordable apartments or units in Southold in the next three years.
In the Papers with Brian Cosgrove – Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays	January 24, 2019	1:45pm	Press Newspaper - Southampton Town to allow more homeowners to rent apartments year round at a fixed price to help make more affordable housing available on the East End of LI.
	Feb. 13, 2019	1:45pm	A 60 unit affordable housing complex has been proposed for a site off of Route 39A in Southampton.
	March 7, 2019	2:00pm	Times Review – Affordable housing.

Description of the issue: Reporting on medical marijuana, recreational sale, use and the opioid addiction crisis and efforts to deal with this in the region.

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Long Island Morning Edition with Michael Mackey – Weekdays	Jan. 31, 2019	8:42-8:45am	With NYS lawmakers considering bills that will legalize the recreational use of marijuana in NY, Suffolk Co. legislators are seeking public input about this.
	Feb. 26, 2019	8:06-8:07am	The Suffolk Legislature hosted a spirited public meeting on 2/25/19 over recreational marijuana legalization.
	March 1, 2019	8:49-8:51am	The Suffolk Co. Legislature is hosting public hearings on three controversial issues including recreational marijuana. Lawmakers want to prohibit the retail sale of marijuana products in the county.
	March 4, 2019	8:49-8:51am	There will be a public hearing on 3/5/19 regarding a bill that would have Suffolk County opt out of Gov. Cuomo's plan to legalize recreational marijuana.
	March 8, 2019	8:49-8:51am	Local residents who spoke at a hearing on a bill to ban the retail sale of marijuana in Suffolk County overwhelmingly opposed the ban. Another hearing will be held on 3/26/19.
	March 20, 2019	7:49-7:51am	Gov. Cuomo is dropping his proposal to legalize marijuana from his proposed state budget.
Media Mavens - with Bonnie Grice - Fridays	Feb. 1, 2019	9-10:00am	NYS is considering the legalization of marijuana and Suffolk Co. is holding public hearing for feedback. The Mavens discussed the pros, cons and the matter of driving under the influence.
In the Papers with Brian Cosgrove – Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays	Feb. 15, 2019	2:00pm	Sag Harbor Express – The opioid crisis on the East End of Long Island.

Description of the issue: Will the Long Island Rail Road Commuter Connection have any impact on the morning and evening east end traffic and the trade parade? Upgrades that will impact rail service and improve safety.

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Long Island Morning Edition with Michael Mackey - Weekdays	Feb. 4, 2019	7:42-7:45am	Beginning in March, commuters along the South Fork of L.I. will have more transportation options via a new system of Long Island RR trains and shuttles called the South Fork Commuter Connection.
	March 4, 2019	7:49-7:51am	The maiden voyage of the South Fork Commuter Connection will take place today with the first train leaving from Hampton Bays at 8:26am.
		8:29-8:30am	The various channels that LIRR ridership now can use to get real-time train travel. Information.
	March 5, 2019	7:49-7:51am	Sen. Chuck Schumer said he plans to reintroduce federal legislation to fund safety improvements at LIRR grade crossings that could prevent accidents.
		8:43-8:45am	Due to weather conditions there was a low turnout of riders for day one of the new South Fork Commuter Connection.
	March 11, 2019	8:43-8:45am	The LIRR often does not have enough train cars to properly serve its ridership. This creates dangerous crowding and increases delays.
Media Mavens - with Bonnie Grice - Fridays	Feb. 8, 2019	9:00-10:00am	The Mavens discussed the start up of the LIRR South Fork Commuter Connection as to the pros and cons of this initiative and who will benefit from this. Will it help the traffic caused by the trade parade?
In the Papers with Brian Cosgrove – Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays	Feb. 6, 2019	1:45pm	Press Newspaper- The Long Island Rail Road Commuter Connection for the south fork of eastern Long Island.

Description of the issue: The ban on single use plastic bags and other items: Is this effective and working to benefit the local environment?

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Long Island Morning Edition with Michael Mackey – Weekdays	January 14, 2019	8:49-8:51am	NYS – Gov. Cuomo has proposed a statewide ban on thin plastic bags at store checkouts, but would leave paper bags unregulated by the state. Environmentalists are concerned that grocery store shoppers will just switch their disposable bag habits. His "bag ban plan" would replace 5-cent fees in Suffolk County, Long Beach and other areas where local governments have passed fees in recent years to reduce bag waste.
	January 31, 2019	7:49-7:51am	Learn what you can do locally to help deal with the plastic pollution problem by attending the first meeting of the Plastic Reduction and Elimination Project of the North Fork today at 6:30pm at the Jamesport Meeting House. This is a new joint project of two North Fork groups.
	Feb.13, 2019	7:42-7:45am	The Southampton Town board has voted to ban plastic straws and other polystyrene products. The law will permit providing a plastic straw to a person who has a disability and requires one. The law goes into effect. On May 8 th .
		8:42-8:45am	A bill sponsored by Suffolk County Legis. Kara Hahn is similar to the one to be enacted by Southampton Town and is aimed at reducing plastic litter.
	March 22, 2019	7:49-7:51am	Some shoppers in Suffolk County were outraged when the five cent fee on single use paper and plastic bags went into effect in January 2018, but officials say the law is indeed working as intended.
Media Mavens - with Bonnie Grice - Fridays	January 25, 2019	9-10:00am	The Mavens discussed matters concerning the ban on various plastics (bags/straws), the East Hampton ban on balloons and the impact of these items and bans on the environment.
In the Papers with Brian Cosgrove – Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays	Feb. 13, 2019	1:45pm	Southampton Town Board members on Tuesday unanimously approved a ban on the use of plastic straws and polystyrene foam containers in food establishments in the town. The new regulations, which go into effect in May prohibit food service establishments from using containers made of polystyrene foam – aka "Styrofoam".

Description of the issue: There are many concerns impacting water quality and safety in the region – fresh and salt water. Various actions are being taken to address these very serious issues.

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Long Island Morning Edition with Michael Mackey – Weekdays	January 21, 2019	8:49-8:51am	Protecting the local marine industry will be the subject of a public hearing before the Suffolk Marine Industry Revitalization Advisory Council at the county center in Riverhead on February 7, 2019.
	February 5, 2019	7:49-7:51am	The Army Corps of Engineers has completed a project along the LI Intracoastal Waterway, making boating safer (commercial and recreational) and mitigating flooding, according to federal officials.
	February 28, 2019	8:43-8:45am	NYS has added the Hampton Bays – Montauk Highway Fire Station to the Superfund registry and the site is on the list for hazardous waste cleanup. Manmade chemicals found in firefighting foam have been detected in drinking water supply wells near the station in 2014 and last year.
	March 12, 2019	8:33-8:34am	Suffolk County Water Authority o say that dealing with the worrisome chemical compounds such as those found in L.I. drinking water supplies could cost the authority and its customers one billion dollars in the next decade.
	March 14, 2019	8:06-8:07am	The U.S. Coast Guard and the NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation are investigating possible pollution off the coast of Fishers Island after a “patchy sheen” was seen surrounding a fishing trawler that capsized the morning of Sunday, March 10 th . The CG was able to rescue all on board the vessel before it capsized.
Media Mavens - with Bonnie Grice - Fridays	January 11, 2019	9-10:00am	The Mavens discussed using Community Preservation Fund (CPF) monies to improve water quality and if and when will the funds be used for sewer upgrades.
	Feb. 15, 2019	9-10:00am	The matter of sewers in Southampton Town was addressed by the Mavens. The Southampton Village Mayor – M. Irving has brought this matter forth again for discussion. Would this work and how to implement such a project?
	Feb. 15, 2019	9-10:00am	Media Maven, Annette Hinkle from the Southampton Press discussed how she is upgrading her home septic system and all that this entails.
	March 28, 2019	8:42-8:45am	The L.I. Clean Water Partnership is pushing for a Suffolk County ballot measure that would raise \$70 million a year through either property taxes or water bills to combat nitrogen in waterways by wastewater treatment.
In the Papers with Brian Cosgrove – Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays	January 11, 2019	2:00pm	Town of East Hampton is dealing with ground water contamination from chemicals found in the foam used for fire fighting.

Description of the issue: Matters impacting immigration, the undocumented immigrants and guest workers in the region.

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Long Island Morning Edition with Michael Mackey – Weekdays	January 3, 2019	7:49-7:51am	The NYS Office for New Americans is expanding services to immigrants across the state by hiring 20 full-time attorneys to offer free legal services to immigrants and 25 neighborhood-based “opportunity centers will provide many additional free services.
	January 28, 2019	8:06-8:07am	After Rep. Lee Zeldin used Twitter to criticize a state bill offering undocumented immigrants access to state-funded college scholarships and financial aid, Gov. Cuomo’s office slammed this “tweet” as “anti immigrant fear mongering”
	January 29, 2019	7:49-7:50am	Suffolk Co. Executive Bellone has been named to Gov. Cuomo’s commission to press for a complete count during the 2020 U.S. Census. This effort is to ensure that under-represented groups including immigrants are fully counted.
	March 13, 2019	8:43-8:45am	In Riverhead on Tuesday afternoon, March 12 th , community advocates and others marched in support of the Green Light NY, a bill currently pending in the NYS legislature that would make a standard driver’s license available to ALL New Yorkers, regardless of their immigration status.
	March 21, 2019	8:43-8:45am	Eastern Long Island businesses that rely on foreign workers through a federal guest worker program are facing a labor crisis this summer unless the Trump administration takes some immediate action to allow more workers to enter the country, according to Rep. Lee Zeldin and business owners. Zeldin has called for a raise on the cap of the H-2B visa program as a temporary fix for this problem.