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Responses to Congressman Lee Zeldin's (R-NY1) Announcement To Run for Governor of New York	Long Island Morning Edition with Michael Mackey	4/8/2021	7:00 AM	2 min	Reported that U.S. Rep. Lee Zeldin announced that he will run for governor of New York, launching his bid for the Republican nomination with an attack on Gov. Andrew Cuomo for diminishing the state and a promise to bring it "back from the brink." Zeldin, 41, a four-term Congressman from Shirley, Long Island representing the East End, announces his decision on Fox News after spending the previous five weeks testing the waters by talking with county Republican chairs and leaders across the state.
Responses to Congressman Lee Zeldin's (R-NY1) Announcement To Run for Governor of New York	Long Island Morning Edition with Michael Mackey	4/9/2021	7:00 AM	2 min	Reported that Zeldin came out swinging against incumbent Gov. Andrew Cuomo. The First District Congressman was a vocal and persistent critic of the governor and previously acknowledged he was exploring a run for the statehouse. "With one-party Democrat rule in NYC and Albany, the light that once shone as a beacon of what America can be has gone dark," Zeldin said. "The New York that was once a magnet for the world's best and brightest is now forcing its own to leave under the crushing weight of skyrocketing taxes, lost jobs, suffocating regulations, and rising crime resulting from dangerously liberal policies," Zeldin said.
Responses to Congressman Lee Zeldin's (R-NY1) Announcement To Run for Governor of New York	Behind The Headlines	4/10/2021	10am	10 min	A panel of local journalists discuss U.S. Representative Lee Zeldin who had been talking about dipping his toe into the water of the race for Governor and officially announced that he will seek the republican nomination for Governor of New York in 2022. Mr. Zeldin was a big supporter of former president Donald Trump and caught attention that way. He made his announcement on Fox and Friends.
Responses to Congressman Lee Zeldin's (R-NY1) Announcement To Run for Governor of New York	Long Island Morning Edition with Michael Mackey	4/19/2021	7:00 AM	2 min	Reported that U.S. Congressman Lee Zeldin (R-Shirley) announced he raised \$2.5 million over ten days since announcing his bid for governor. Zeldin jumped into the 2022 gubernatorial race as three-term Democrat incumbent Gov. Andrew Cuomo grapples with COVID-19-related nursing home deaths and sexual harassment scandals.
Responses to Congressman Lee Zeldin's (R-NY1) Announcement To Run for Governor of New York	The Afternoon Ramble with Brian Cosgrove	5/5/2021	1:45 PM	4 min	Bridgette Fleming announced that she will run for Lee Zeldin's congressional seat in 2022 after Zeldin's announcement that he will run for governor of New York. Local newspaper editor Joe Shaw joins host Brian Cosgrove to discuss.

Responses to Congressman Lee Zeldin's (R-NY1) Announcement To Run for Governor of New York	Long Island Morning Edition with Michael Mackey	5/26/2021	7:00 AM	2 min	Reported that Rep. Lee Zeldin, already the front-runner for the Republican gubernatorial nomination, picked up another major endorsement from the party's 2018 candidate. Marc Molinaro, the Dutchess County executive who had been openly considering another campaign, pulled the plug on his own run in 2022 and said he will endorse Zeldin instead.
Responses to Congressman Lee Zeldin's (R-NY1) Announcement To Run for Governor of New York	Behind The Headlines	6/5/2021	10:00 AM	15 min	A panel of local journalists discuss. A new candidate stepped forward for the District 1 house election coming in 2022 due to incumbent Zeldin turning his attention to the gubernatorial race. Kara Hahn challenges Bridgette Fleming, both are county legislators.
Responses to Congressman Lee Zeldin's (R-NY1) Announcement To Run for Governor of New York	Long Island Morning Edition with Michael Mackey	6/29/2021	7:00 AM	2 min	Reported that Rep. Lee Zeldin of Shirley, Long Island won a nonbinding straw poll yesterday among Republican leaders statewide to further build support for his run for governor while his opponents promised to force a GOP primary in the 2022 race.

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Coverage of the Legalization of Recreational Marijuana	The Afternoon Ramble with Brian Cosgrove	4/1/2021	2:00 PM	5 min	Joe Werkmeister of the Times Review Media Group joins Brian Cosgrove to discuss the news that New York State legalized recreational use of marijuana. Some North Fork farms have proposed growing the crop, but will need to wait for licensing to do so.
Coverage of the Legalization of Recreational Marijuana	Long Island Morning Edition with Michael Mackey	4/8/2021	7:00 AM	2 min	Reported that the Shinnecock Indian Nation is planning to break ground for a marijuana-cultivation facility on its Southampton reservation in the coming months as the tribe eyes the role of recreational marijuana sales for future economic development. Newly reelected tribal chairman Bryan Polite said the tribe is working on a set of internal regulations for licensing recreational marijuana sales and that sales could start as early as September or before year end, but only after a vote by the entire tribe."
Coverage of the Legalization of Recreational Marijuana	MetroFocus	4/8/2021	11:00 PM	15 min	Reported that as of March 31st, New York became the 15th state to legalize recreational marijuana in America. But New York's path to legalization differs from other states in how it prioritizes social equity as one of its main goals. Under the new law, forty percent of the revenue from cannabis will be steered towards minority communities that have been negatively impacted by the war on drugs. And with an estimated tax revenue of \$350 million a year, that could make a big difference to those communities. Crystal Peoples-Stokes, who was one of the two main sponsors behind the new legislation and fought for seven years for the bill's passage joins MetroFocus to discuss the social justice that legal pot can bring to New York.
Coverage of the Legalization of Recreational Marijuana	Behind The Headlines	4/10/2021	10:00 AM	8 min	A panel of local journalists discuss the issue. The Shinnecock Nation has long planned to have medical marijuana cultivation and a dispensary on the reservation. The Nation considers recreational marijuana following New York State's announcement of legalization.
Coverage of the Legalization of Recreational Marijuana	Behind The Headlines	4/17/2021	10:00 AM	15 min	A panel of local journalists discuss the issue. The Riverhead Town Board had discussions about whether they wanted to allow sales and use in the town. They had an initial discussion and predicted a lengthy process to come to a decision. They were given a briefing on the law and must make a decision. Estimated tax revenue is 4%. The board will also need to address citizens looking to grow and the licensing needed to do so.
Coverage of the Legalization of Recreational Marijuana	Heart of the East End with Gianna Volpe	4/23/2021	10:30 AM	25 min	Riverhead Town Supervisor Yvette Aguiar joins host Gianna Volpe on the air to discuss the many facets related to the legalization of recreational marijuana
Coverage of the Legalization of Recreational Marijuana	Behind The Headlines	4/24/2021	10:00 AM	15 min	A panel of local journalists discuss the issue. Local governments will have to make a decision about whether they're going to allow the sale of marijuana. Many Long Island communities have mixed opinions. Village of Greenport, Town of Southold, and Town of Riverhead have all met. One journalist discusses talking to Cutchogue citizens and finding most of them against the sale of marijuana.
Coverage of the Legalization of Recreational Marijuana	Behind The Headlines	5/15/2021	10:00 AM	10 min	A panel of local journalists discuss the ways in which recreational marijuana is similar to alcohol and could lead to unhealthy reliance on self-medicating. The current crisis has caused a spike in opioid deaths and alcoholism, and there is a possibility of similar problems arising with marijuana.

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Status of Public Transportation on Long Island	Long Island Morning Edition with Michael Mackey	4/1/2021	7:00 AM	2:00 AM	An ambitious proposal to bring “world-class” high-speed rail to the Northeast, including a 16-mile rail tunnel that would connect Long Island and Connecticut, could provide a critical boost to the East End with an upgraded electrified rail connecting Riverhead to Long Island Rail Road’s Ronkonkoma hub. A panel of officials from Suffolk County, Connecticut and Boston discussed the North Atlantic Rail Initiative during a webinar, where they pitched the \$105 billion, three-phase project as “transformative” for the future of the region.
Status of Public Transportation on Long Island	Long Island Morning Edition with Michael Mackey	4/9/2021	7:00 AM	2 min	Reported that having just posted its highest annual ridership and on-time performance figures in years, the Long Island Rail Road was predicting another strong year in 2020 — until the pandemic hit, leading to unprecedented drops in ridership and revenue. A year later, the LIRR remains vastly changed by COVID-19, and there’s evidence that some of those changes are here to stay. Even as the railroad tries to lure back riders with technological innovations, intensified cleaning efforts and new ticket options, many lapsed commuters remain leery about returning, deterred by ticket prices, the thought of crowded trains and reduced service.
Status of Public Transportation on Long Island	Long Island Morning Edition with Michael Mackey	4/19/2021	7:00 AM	2 min	Reported that Long Island Rail Road officials are taking the first steps toward possibly introducing the first battery-operated commuter trains in North America — a move they said could revolutionize how rail service is provided on tracks that are not electrified. The LIRR has entered into an agreement with train manufacturer Alstom to conduct a feasibility study on operating "battery-electric multiple units," or BEMUs, throughout its system — potentially replacing, in some areas, the reliability-challenged, inconvenient, and environmentally unfriendly diesel trains it has operated for decades. Such a move would negate the need to further electrify the railroad's tracks, the LIRR said... including those on the North and South forks.
Status of Public Transportation on Long Island	Long Island Morning Edition with Michael Mackey	4/21/2021	7:00 AM	2 min	Reported that the MTA’s soaring debt burden — which had more than tripled over the previous 20 years, and threatened to reach nearly \$47 billion within two more years — could force service cuts, scaled-back infrastructure investments, and higher-than-anticipated fare and toll increases, according to a new state report. The report from the office of NYS Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli cites the Metropolitan Transportation Authority’s debt profile as "a cause for increasing concern" as the transit agency wrestles with uncertainty over the future of fares and ridership, which plummeted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Long Island Rail Road weekday ridership remained at around 29% of pre-pandemic levels."
Status of Public Transportation on Long Island	Behind The Headlines	5/8/2021	10:00 AM	8 min	A panel of local journalists discuss the issue. Public transportation efforts could alleviate the closely related issue of affordable housing. The severe lack of public transportation does not allow for people to live in more affordable communities and commute to work further East without driving in extremely heavy traffic. The COVID-19 pandemic caused a commuter service line on the Long Island Rail Road to shut down due to decreased ridership. Limited schedules then caused overcrowded trains, making them unsafe.
Status of Public Transportation on Long Island	Long Island Morning Edition with Michael Mackey	5/26/2021	7:00 AM	2 min	Reported that replacing LIRR ticket collectors with station turnstiles is among several ways the MTA could save up to \$2.9 billion a year, according to a new report. The report, published by fiscal watchdog group the Citizens Budget Commission, or CBC, recommended several measures aimed at boosting productivity among workers, including replacing the existing method of conductors selling and collecting tickets on trains with a proof-of-payment system.
Status of Public Transportation on Long Island	Long Island Morning Edition with Michael Mackey	5/28/2021	7:00 AM	2 min	Reported that major construction is complete on the MTA’s East Side Access megaproject linking the LIRR directly to Grand Central Terminal, according to Gov. Andrew Cuomo, who guaranteed the station would open by its December 2022 target date. The stop at Grand Central Station will become a second Manhattan option for a commuter railroad that has depended on Penn Station to link to the heart of the city.

Status of Public Transportation on Long Island	Long Island Morning Edition with Michael Mackey	6/3/2021	7:00 AM	2 min	Reported that local officials say they expect the South Fork Commuter Connection shuttle trains to begin running along the South Fork again in Fall 2021, but a popular shuttle bus route in Montauk that has operated in past summers is unlikely to roll again, at least not in Summer 2021.
Status of Public Transportation on Long Island	Long Island Morning Edition with Michael Mackey	6/11/2021	7:00 AM	2 min	Reported that Suffolk County is embarking on the first major redesign of its bus system in more than 40 years and wants to hear from riders about their priorities for a "reimagined" transit network. The Reimagine Transit initiative aims to rethink Suffolk County Transit and make sure the county gets the most out of its bus system, which for years has struggled with sagging ridership and unpredictable funding, according to project officials. The effort is being funded by a \$350,000 grant from New York Metropolitan Transportation Council.
Status of Public Transportation on Long Island	Behind The Headlines	6/26/2021	10:00 AM	10 min	Local journalists discuss a newly announced on-demand bus service operated by Suffolk County. The former bus route ran from Southampton Village to Sag Harbor village. The pilot program is the first on-demand service after many transit changes in the county. An app shows users where the bus is and rides cost \$2.25.

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Continued Coverage of Covid-19 Positivity Rates and Vaccination Rates	Long Island Morning Edition with Michael Mackey	4/1/2021	7:00 AM	2 min	Reported that according to statistics Cuomo's office released at the end of March 2021, the Long Island region continued to have one of the state's highest COVID-19 infection rates. The seven-day average as of the week of broadcast was 4.38%, second only to the mid-Hudson region, which had 4.75%, according to the release. At the time, New York City had a 4.26% infection rate.
Continued Coverage of Covid-19 Positivity Rates and Vaccination Rates	Long Island Morning Edition with Michael Mackey	4/7/2021	7:00 AM	2 min	Reported that the vaccination campaign against COVID-19 in New York State passed several important milestones. As of April 5th, 2021, one in three residents in both Suffolk County and New York State had received their first dose, and nearly one in five residents had been fully inoculated. Starting April 6th, 2021, all New Yorkers ages 16 and older became eligible for the vaccine.
Continued Coverage of Covid-19 Positivity Rates and Vaccination Rates	MetroFocus	4/7/2021	11:00 PM	30 min	Reported that Governor Cuomo says one in three New York State residents has received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine- another milestone in the drive to end the pandemic. At the time of air every New Yorker age 16 and older was able to get vaccinated, making vaccines available to thousands more. But worries persisted as the region battled the spread of more contagious COVID-19 variants, and a third wave of infections. New York and New Jersey, as well as Connecticut, all had some of the highest infection rates in the country. Doctor Daniel Griffin, an infectious disease specialist at Columbia University and the Chief of the Division of Infectious Disease at Prohealth New York answers many of the most commonly asked questions about the COVID-19 vaccine.
Continued Coverage of Covid-19 Positivity Rates and Vaccination Rates	The Afternoon Ramble with Brian Cosgrove	4/8/2021	2:00 PM	5 min	Joe Werkmeister joins Brian Cosgrove to discuss news of eligibility for the COVID-19 vaccine being extended to everyone 16 years old and older.
Continued Coverage of Covid-19 Positivity Rates and Vaccination Rates	Long Island Morning Edition with Michael Mackey	4/12/2021	7:00 AM	2 min	Reported that more than 40% of nursing home employees in the state remained unvaccinated for COVID-19, despite an aggressive effort to offer residents and staff of those facilities a chance to get the vaccine before most other New Yorkers could do so. The vaccination level among staff at those facilities fell well short of the 75% of health care workers who were fully vaccinated, according to state figures. Nursing home executives said they've been relentless in messaging the importance of vaccinations to staff. Some nursing home employees, and people as a whole, feared known side effects, which include fever, chills, muscle aches and drowsiness. More than 6,000 COVID-19 deaths were confirmed by the state in nursing home facilities as of April 5th, 2021.
Continued Coverage of Covid-19 Positivity Rates and Vaccination Rates	Long Island Morning Edition with Michael Mackey	4/22/2021	7:00 AM	2 min	Reported that a van parked along a North Fork farm field and at one of the area's winery tasting rooms are part of a new effort to vaccinate farm workers throughout the region against COVID-19. The tasting room at Raphael Winery in Peconic was transformed into a pop-up vaccination clinic where over 500 first Moderna doses were expected to be distributed over two days.
Continued Coverage of Covid-19 Positivity Rates and Vaccination Rates	Behind The Headlines	5/1/2021	10:00 AM	10 min	A panel of local journalists discuss the issue. People were returning to the lifestyles they had before COVID-19 lockdowns were instated. A "man-on-the-street" report based on interviews with regular people found many feeling hopeful and relieved.

Continued Coverage of Covid-19 Positivity Rates and Vaccination Rates	Long Island Morning Edition with Michael Mackey	5/10/2021	7:00 AM	2 min	Reported that with federal authorization of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine for kids 12 to 15 expected, Long Island doctors received a barrage of questions from anxious parents deciding whether to get their kids inoculated. Dr. Sharon Nachman, chief of pediatric infectious diseases at Stony Brook Medicine, said many parents expressed unease about how quickly vaccines were developed.
Continued Coverage of Covid-19 Positivity Rates and Vaccination Rates	Behind The Headlines	5/15/2021	10:00 AM	10 min	A panel of local journalists discuss the issue. New CDC guidance noted that those who are fully vaccinated do not have to wear masks in most settings. New York State was slower than other states to lift its statewide mask mandate and was still reviewing the new information. It was unclear how people would differentiate between those who are vaccinated and those who aren't, moving from a rule-based system to an honor system.
Continued Coverage of Covid-19 Positivity Rates and Vaccination Rates	Long Island Morning Edition with Michael Mackey	5/24/2021	7:00 AM	2 min	Reported that the steady low number of new COVID-19 cases paved the way for a more traditional Memorial Day on Long Island. With over half of adults in New York State fully vaccinated against COVID-19, many people shed their masks at the beach, at barbecues, and on the boardwalk when the unofficial start of summer kicked off. Pandemic restrictions were loosened by the state, allowing restaurants and shops to operate at full capacity.
Continued Coverage of Covid-19 Positivity Rates and Vaccination Rates	Long Island Morning Edition with Michael Mackey	6/1/2021	7:00 AM	2 min	Reported that new coronavirus cases on Long Island fell at the end of May, 2021 to their lowest levels in nearly a year, with just 45 cases reported across Nassau and Suffolk counties, according to state health data.
Continued Coverage of Covid-19 Positivity Rates and Vaccination Rates	Long Island Morning Edition with Michael Mackey	6/16/2021	7:00 AM	2 min	Reported that bars and restaurants, gyms, offices, entertainment venues, movie theaters, barbershops and hair salons were able to go back largely to normal functioning with no requirements for social distancing or special cleaning under a sweeping relaxation of COVID-19 restrictions announced by Gov. Andrew Cuomo. The governor lifted the restrictions after New York State reached the milestone of 70% of adults having received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine.
Continued Coverage of Covid-19 Positivity Rates and Vaccination Rates	Behind The Headlines	6/19/2021	10:00 AM	10 min	A panel of local journalists discuss the issue. New York State has reached a COVID-19 vaccination rate of 70% of people who had received their first shot, prompting Governor Andrew Cuomo to lift nearly all COVID-19-related restrictions. Businesses took different approaches to returning to normal. Some bars made more money with table service than they were making as a bar. Many people may take time to get used to returning to activities as they were before the pandemic.

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Local Election Coverage in East End Municipalities	The Afternoon Ramble with Brian Cosgrove	4/28/2021	1:45 PM	5 min	Joe Shaw of the East Hampton Press and Southampton Press joins local host Brian Cosgrove to discuss how lawn signs for the Southampton village mayoral race caused concern for some residents. Many residents dislike the way the campaign signs never get cleaned up after the race and negatively impact the scenery of the area.
Local Election Coverage in East End Municipalities	The Afternoon Ramble with Brian Cosgrove	5/14/2021	2:00 PM	5 min	Bryan Boyhan of the Sag Harbor Express joins Brian Cosgrove to discuss the mayoral races. Many accusations were made on both sides as the race began to get tense.
Local Election Coverage in East End Municipalities	Long Island Morning Edition with Michael Mackey	6/2/2021	7:00 AM	2 min	Reported that the Democratic Party primary election for East Hampton Town Supervisor and Town Council was on Tuesday, June 22nd, 2021. The League of Women Voters held Zoom debates on Thursday, June 3, 2021 seen live and afterwards on East Hampton Town's LTV.
Local Election Coverage in East End Municipalities	The Afternoon Ramble with Brian Cosgrove	6/9/2021	2:00 PM	10 min	Local host Brian Cosgrove discusses the upcoming Southampton Village and Sag Harbor Village elections with newspaper editor Joe Shaw. The elections were held on June 18th, 2021.
Local Election Coverage in East End Municipalities	Behind The Headlines	6/12/2021	10:00 AM	15 min	A panel of local journalists discuss the issue. A mailer with many false claims and overt photo editing against Mayor Jesse Warren was sent to many residents, paid for by the Long Island Law Enforcement Foundation, a political action committee from the Suffolk County Police Union. Mayor Warren has been publicly critical of the police.
Local Election Coverage in East End Municipalities	The Afternoon Ramble with Brian Cosgrove	6/16/2021	1:45 PM	5 min	Local host Brian Cosgrove and newspaper editor Joe Shaw discuss the ways in which the mayor and trustee elections continue to heat up just ahead of election day.
Local Election Coverage in East End Municipalities	The Afternoon Ramble with Brian Cosgrove	6/18/2021	2:00 PM	8 min	Bryan Boyhan of the Sag Harbor Express joins local host Brian Cosgrove on the air to share the outcomes of the village elections, announcing Jim LaRocca as the new Mayor of Sag Harbor and Jesse Warren as the re-elected Mayor of Southampton.
Local Election Coverage in East End Municipalities	The Afternoon Ramble with Brian Cosgrove	6/23/2021	1:45 PM	10 min	Joe Shaw of the East Hampton Press and Southampton Press joins local host Brian Cosgrove to discuss the East Hampton Town Democratic primary race for various town positions.
Local Election Coverage in East End Municipalities	Behind The Headlines	6/26/2021	10:00 AM	10 min	A panel of local journalists discuss the recent election outcomes. Southampton and Sag Harbor village elections were both unusually heated, following another unusually heated race in East Hampton village. This indicates that village mayoral elections are becoming more significant and contentious than they once were, due partly to the South fork becoming home to more high-profile residents leading to more major media coverage.

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Affordable Housing Issues on the East End	Long Island Morning Edition with Michael Mackey	4/5/2021	7:00 AM	2 min	Reported that East End real estate tax revenue hit an all-time high in 2020 and locals noted that the booming market driven by the COVID-19 pandemic made it harder than ever to find affordable housing in the Hamptons. Meanwhile, local representatives explored ways to use future real estate tax revenues to address the issue. None of the money from the Community Preservation Fund could be used to alleviate the housing crunch as the fund, established by voter referendum in 1998, can legally only finance preservation and water quality initiatives.
Affordable Housing Issues on the East End	Heart of the East End with Gianna Volpe	4/5/2021	9:00 AM	15 min	CEO of Toorak Capital Partners joins Gianna on the air to discuss what Toorak is doing to help finance apartments and home renovations, aimed at providing more affordable housing for Long Island's lower income population.
Affordable Housing Issues on the East End	Behind The Headlines	5/8/2021	10:00 AM	10 min	A panel of local journalists discuss the issue. Governor Andrew Cuomo's office announced that a 50-unit affordable housing complex in East Hampton would be receiving \$5.6 million in funding from the state. 50 units is large in comparison to other complexes in the area. East Hampton appears to be attempting to lead in affordable housing. The town administration has indicated it is one of their priorities.
Affordable Housing Issues on the East End	Behind The Headlines	6/5/2021	10:00 AM	10 min	A panel of local journalists discuss. A number of country clubs are looking into building staff housing for their workers, based on a model from historic estates. Large businesses face a need to provide such housing in order to staff the company. One potential solution is converting shipping containers into temporary homes.
Affordable Housing Issues on the East End	The Afternoon Ramble with Brian Cosgrove	6/9/2021	1:45 PM	5 min	Joe Shaw joins Brian on the air to discuss Atlantic Golf Course in Bridgehampton. The country club has proposed building worker housing amid a severe lack of affordable housing. The lack of housing options makes it difficult to staff the large operation. The golf course has faced push-back from the community, with residents claiming it would become "party houses."
Affordable Housing Issues on the East End	Long Island Morning Edition with Michael Mackey	6/10/2021	7:00 AM	2 min	Reported that many East End businesses were struggling to find employees. The absence of housing tops most business owners' lists of hurdles, followed by the difficulty of travel from other areas and the demand for workers in so many industries.
Affordable Housing Issues on the East End	Long Island Morning Edition with Michael Mackey	6/24/2021	7:00 AM	2 min	Reported that a bill sponsored by NYS Assemblyman Fred Thiele and State Senator Anthony Palumbo that would allow the creation of community housing funds in East End Towns passed both chambers of the state's legislature. If signed by the governor, the law would allow the town boards of East Hampton, Riverhead, Shelter Island, Southampton and Southold to establish community housing funds that would grant financial assistance to the production of community housing for sale and rent, the rehabilitation of already existing buildings for community housing, and the acquisition of property in existing housing units for purposes of community housing.
Affordable Housing Issues on the East End	Behind The Headlines	6/26/2021	10:00 AM	12 min	Local journalists discuss state legislation that would allow for an East End Community Housing Fund. The legislation is similar to the Community Preservation Fund which preserves open space in the region. A .5% tax on real estate transactions would provide funding that could be used for help with down payments, affordable housing complexes, and other avenues that the towns deem necessary or useful. The town would be required to pass a referendum if the governor signs the bill.

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Proposals and Development to Bay Street Theater in Sag Harbor	The Afternoon Ramble with Brian Cosgrove	4/2/2021	2:00 PM	5 min	Bryan Boyhan joins Brian Cosgrove on the air to discuss news that Bay Street Theater continued to acquire property in Sag Harbor. The theater will unveil plans for its new proposed campus on Zoom.
Proposals and Development to Bay Street Theater in Sag Harbor	Long Island Morning Edition with Michael Mackey	4/7/2021	7:00 AM	2 min	Reported that a striking design for the new Bay Street Theater in Sag Harbor was presented at a short online unveiling party. The building is being designed by Roger Ferris + Partners, a Westport, Connecticut architectural firm that has done a number of projects on the East End. The building will be constructed on the site of the Water Street Shops complex, which is best known as the home of the 7-Eleven store. Renderings show the parking lot transformed into an entrance to the theater complex and a tree-lined lawn opening up to John Steinbeck Waterfront Park to the north of the theater.
Proposals and Development to Bay Street Theater in Sag Harbor	Heart of the East End with Gianna Volpe	4/7/2021	9:00 AM	30 min	Sag Harbor mayor Kathleen Mulcahy speaks to Gianna about the unveiling of Roger Ferris and Associates' vision for the incoming Bay Street Theater after it is moved to the 7-11 property.
Proposals and Development to Bay Street Theater in Sag Harbor	Behind The Headlines	4/24/2021	10:00 AM	10 min	A panel of local journalists discuss the issue. Sag Harbor is in a state of flux, and the village keeps close tabs on what property Bay Street Theater chooses to purchase as it will affect the rest of the community. Bay Street has reportedly not been forthcoming with answers, causing tension with residents.
Proposals and Development to Bay Street Theater in Sag Harbor	Behind The Headlines	5/1/2021	10:00 AM	12 min	A panel of local journalists discuss the issue. A meeting was held to give residents a chance to provide feedback to village officials regarding the waterfront development, on which Bay Street Theater's proposal and recent building purchase would have a large impact. Bay Street Theater was not part of that meeting, and held its own community meeting for residents to talk to theater representatives directly. The actual footprint of the new building is unclear.
Proposals and Development to Bay Street Theater in Sag Harbor	The Afternoon Ramble with Brian Cosgrove	5/7/2021	2:00 PM	5 min	Bryan Boyhan of the Sag Harbor Express discusses recent developments on the air with host Brian Cosgrove. Bay Street Theater held online Zoom sessions to discuss their plans concerning the property they purchased for \$13.5 million. The property was the site of a 7-11 store and a Chinese food restaurant.
Proposals and Development to Bay Street Theater in Sag Harbor	The Afternoon Ramble with Brian Cosgrove	5/28/2021	2:00 PM	3 min	Bryan Boyhan joins Brian Cosgrove on the air. He shares news that Bay Street Theater of Sag Harbor has expressed interest in buying the Southampton Village movie theater.

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Commercial Development and Real Estate Issues on the East End	Behind The Headlines	4/17/2021	10:00 AM	15 min	A panel of local journalists discuss the issue. The head planner in Riverhead was consulting for a project to build a new 7-11 convenience store in Flanders. The Flanders/Northampton civic association filed an ethics complaint that he was doing so. The proposed store would be on the border of two townships leading to confusion and mixed messaging.
Commercial Development and Real Estate Issues on the East End	Long Island Morning Edition with Michael Mackey	4/22/2021	7:00 AM	2 min	Reported that the median home price in the Hamptons was \$1.3 million in the first three months of 2021, up more than 31% from a year earlier, the appraisal company Miller Samuel and the brokerage Douglas Elliman said in a report released today. The number of home sales increased annually by 48%. There was a "massive surge" in sales activity in the \$1 million to \$5 million range, where the number of sales jumped by almost 83% compared with a year earlier, said Jonathan Miller, president and CEO of Miller Samuel.
Commercial Development and Real Estate Issues on the East End	The Afternoon Ramble with Brian Cosgrove	4/28/2021	1:45 PM	5 min	Joe Shaw joins Brian Cosgrove to discuss Westhampton Beach's sewer system. The village continues to connect businesses to the system, which makes doing business much easier and cleaner. Westhampton Beach hopes this will lead to more business in the area and also help contribute less to water pollution.
Commercial Development and Real Estate Issues on the East End	The Afternoon Ramble with Brian Cosgrove	5/5/2021	1:45 PM	10 min	Joe Shaw joins Brian Cosgrove to discuss Southampton's hiring of a consultant to assess all property values. Property values have skyrocketed, which leaves many middle-class homeowners worried about escalating property taxes. A committee has worked to create a plan that would make the tax structure more equitable.
Commercial Development and Real Estate Issues on the East End	Long Island Morning Edition with Michael Mackey	5/6/2021	7:00 AM	2 min	Reported that Southampton Town planners were poised to approve an Amazon warehouse at Gabreski's Hampton Business District in Westhampton. "The board is favorable," Southampton Town Planning Board Chairwoman Jacqui Lofaro said, speaking of the application for an Amazon distribution hub in the Hampton Business District at Francis S. Gabreski Airport in Westhampton.
Commercial Development and Real Estate Issues on the East End	Long Island Morning Edition with Michael Mackey	5/10/2021	7:00 AM	2 min	Reported that the dispute between Southold Town and the owners of family-operated Brinkmann's Hardware chain over a Mattituck property the family owns escalated, with attorneys for the family filing a federal lawsuit against the Town of Southold. Southold Town is attempting to seize the Main Road property in Mattituck via eminent domain for possible use as a public park, but the Brinkmann's want to build a hardware store on the land after applying for a building application in June 2018.
Commercial Development and Real Estate Issues on the East End	The Afternoon Ramble with Brian Cosgrove	6/10/2021	2:00 PM	5 min	Local host Brian Cosgrove speaks to Joe Werkmeister of the Times Review Media Group about the rising cost of real estate and building materials. The increased costs are of great concern to the middle class families of the North Fork, and many fear they will no longer be able to live in the area as they get priced out.
Commercial Development and Real Estate Issues on the East End	Long Island Morning Edition with Michael Mackey	6/11/2021	7:00 AM	2 min	Riverhead officials will discuss in the coming weeks whether to hire an outside accountant to further review financial information of a partner in the venture group seeking to buy land at the Enterprise Park at Calverton for \$40 million. Jean-Christopher Kent, an attorney with Uniondale law firm Farrell Fritz PC that is representing venture group Calverton Aviation and Technology, and Nader Ghermezian, chairman of majority partner Triple Five Group, presented several documents yesterday to the Riverhead Town Board at its work session. Those documents were to show Triple Five is financially capable of proceeding with its plans to convert much of the property at EPCAL into space to expand minority partner Luminati Aerospace's operations.
Commercial Development and Real Estate Issues on the East End	Long Island Morning Edition with Michael Mackey	6/28/2021	7:00 AM	2 min	Reported that deep-discount German grocer Lidl will open its Route 58, Riverhead store. In Spring 2021, a Lidl opened in Westhampton Beach. The Riverhead store, located at 1151 Old Country Road, is Lidl's 18th on Long Island. In November 2018, Lidl announced its purchase of Best Market's 24 stores on Long Island.