



Turning the Tide

This past September 17th an estimated over 100 participants congregated at Stony Brook University to participate in a Suffolk County conference designed to elevate the County's "war on nitrogen" to the next step. Featured presenters were Suffolk County Executive Steve Bellone, Dr. Christopher J. Gobler Endowed Chair of Coastal Ecology and Conservation at Stony Brook University and New York Department of Environmental Conservation Commissioner Basil Seggos along with several panels of experts that addressed the stake holders in attendance.

The main focus, some feel was to increase the pace in dealing with the estimated 380,000 cesspools and aging septic systems in Suffolk with more efficient nitrogen reduction units. Funding is always an issue. Suffolk County started accepting applications with its Reclaim Our Water Initiative to subsidize and assist homeowners with the replacement of ineffective onsite septic systems with



(L to R) Dr. Christopher J. Gobler, Steve Bellone, Basil Seggos

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Andrew Andriola

This past August LILWA held its 3rd expanded certification for the Suffolk County septic license applicants and those renewing their licenses. Our next certification is scheduled for November. The LILWA certification program is now worth 8 Training Credit Hours (TCH) and LILWA membership is worth up to an additional 2 TCH. You will learn more about our ever-evolving certification program in LILWA Executive Director Linda Perlow's column.

Nostalgically it brings back memories of the late Judge Coleman, he was the driving force behind certification and its conception to keep things simple and user friendly.

I hope you enjoyed this Summer's LILWA outing. We have been boarding the Moon Chaser for a moonlight cruise to dinner at Flynn's for many years now. The event keeps growing in popularity, so the Board of Directors sees no reason to fix something that is not broken. One year the boat was so full we had to stop taking reservations. My appreciation also extends to Flynn's and their staff for their consistent quality and professionalism.

Time seems to pass more rapidly than most of us would like, the reason I bring this up is because LILWA is already planning the Annual Holiday Party for this year which you will read about in this edition of the LILWA News. As in the past, there will be outstanding hors d'oeuvres, a gourmet dinner, an open bar and of course music and dancing at the Bellport Country Club.

This year our Board of Directors initiated a special discounted price for LILWA members and their

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guests which you will discover in this edition of the LILWA News. Bring your family, friends and staff for a fraction of what it would cost you to do on your own. The reservation forms for the event including details will also be mailed out the beginning of November, so watch your mailboxes or call the LILWA office at (631) 585-0448.

I hope to see you all at our last get together for 2019 and aside from our obvious celebrating of the Holidays and the coming year we would like to hear your opinions on how we are doing and how we could better serve you.

If you would like to devote some of your time and advice on the decisions and direction of our association now is the time. The LILWA nominating committee has been appointed and is presently in the process of developing a slate for the 2020-2021 Board of Directors, if you would like to be considered call our office at 631-585-0448 and speak to Linda. We are always looking for a few good people.

Let me close by saying if you are not yet a member the Long Island Liquid Waste Association wants you. Even though our membership is growing nicely remember there is strength in numbers, and we are always looking for new ideas as we advocate for the septic industry, our environment and the residents we serve.

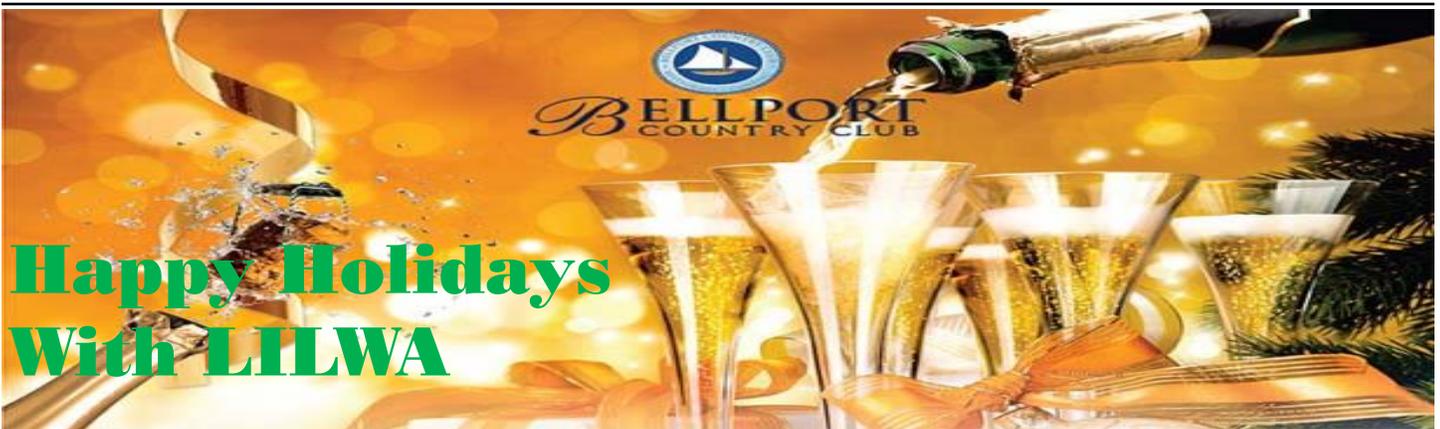
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Happy Holidays With LILWA

As LILWA's President pointed out, it may appear early, however, the holidays are coming and they seem to arrive sooner every year, so LILWA is already on it. Wondering what to do about your Holiday Party this year, where to have it, how to go about it and what it will cost?

Join us at the picturesque Bellport Country Club for a festive Holiday Evening Friday, December 13th at 6:30 PM.

Celebrate the evening with a top shelf open bar. Enjoy a variety of delectable white glove passed hors d'oeuvres before sitting down to a gourmet four-course dinner followed by an assortment of fresh baked cookies and pas-

tries. Party and dance to the sounds of Absolute Entertainment DJ's, one of Long Islands premier entertainers.

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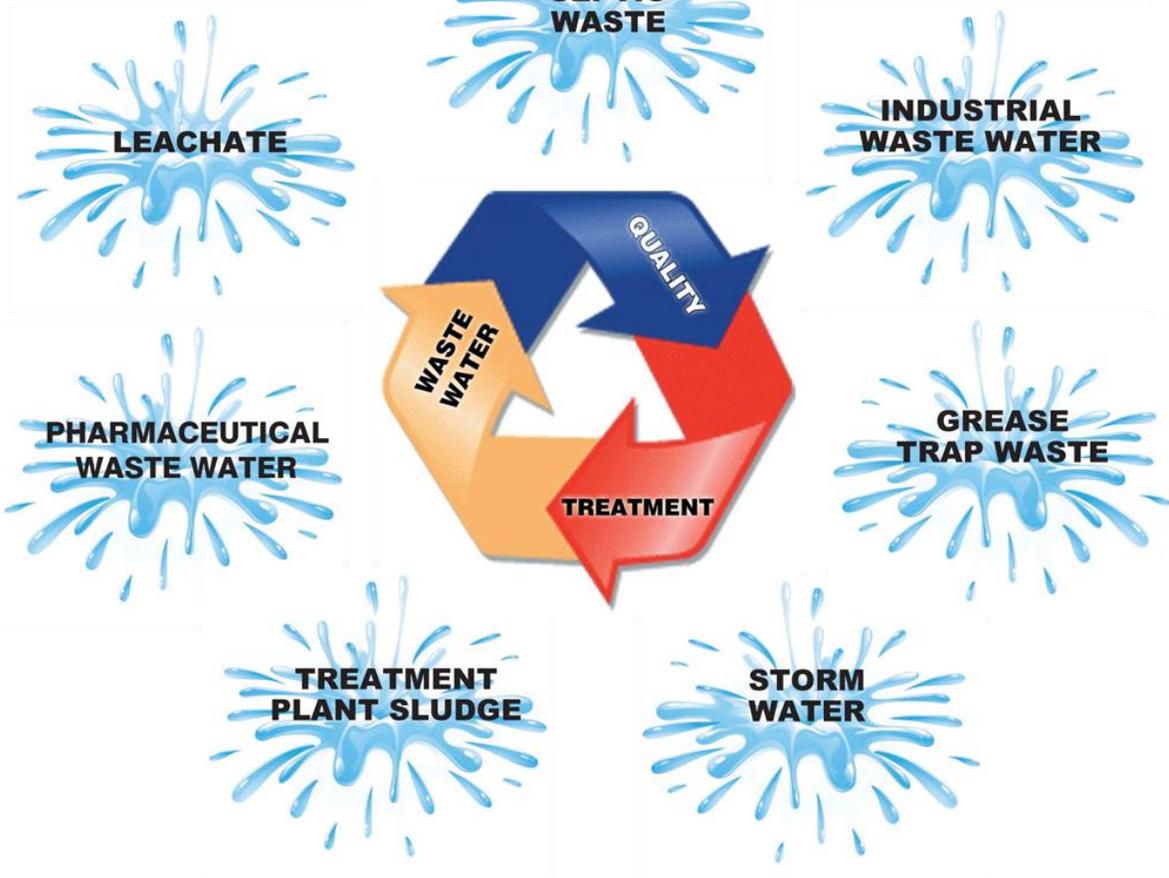
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Executive Director Highlights



Linda
Perlow

By any standard it has been a major success. I'm talking about the Liquid Waste Judge Coleman Memorial Scholarship Fund. Due to your exceptional generosity, the fund has bestowed 6 deserving applicants with awards since its establishment. This year due to the generosity of the LILWA membership and the guidance of our scholarship committee members, Chairman Bill Rode, Dick Crescenzo, and Peter Barrese, we raised \$6950.00. Some of these

monies were used for the 2019 awards and the rest was added to the scholarship contingency account for even more and greater endowments in the future.

LILWA is presently accepting contributions and applications to the 2020 Judge Coleman Memorial Scholarship Fund. You can find details and applications at www.lilwa.org or call our office at (631)585-0448. Future contributors to the fund will be acknowledged in the 2020 LILWA Summer's newsletter. Our thanks to all of you it would not have been possible without your help. The Judge would be proud.

Speaking of Judge, there is good news for LILWA members. LILWA membership is now recognized for one Training Credit Hour (TCH) for every year up to two years. That's right, just by belonging to LILWA you could have earned 2 Credit Hours. Speaking as one who also must comply with continuing education for a license, I have learned to stay current on when my license renews and how many credits I have or need. We will always keep

you informed on our certification schedule at www.lilwa.org and/or you can call our office in the event of a compliance problem, so we may assist and advise you.

Also as one who must deal with continuing education requirements, I realize complying with licensing requirements can be demanding to hardworking people and for this reason our certification program is constantly evolving. We will be continuously enhancing and amending our curriculum to make it more stimulating, informative and convenient. Just a reminder, as many of you know when renewing your Suffolk County Liquid Waste License for endorsements 1-7 you are required to show 8 TCH and for endorsements 9-11 you need 12 TCH.

The expanded LILWA Certification Program is now worth 8 Training credit Hours (TCH). Between our occupations, families, and life in general we are all busy people recognizing that our 2020 training schedule for the year will be posted on www.lilwa.org this coming November and in the next newsletter. Also you can always call our office at (631)585-0448 for assistance.



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All Aboard 2019

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more Advanced and Innovative (I/A) systems in July of 2017.

An I/A onsite system can cost between \$20,000 to \$30,000 depending on the location. Between Suffolk County and the New York State, homeowners can apply for grants up to \$20,000 plus there are additional low cost loans available. Many East End towns have also developed their own programs

Suffolk County Health Department program statistic as of June 20, 2019 show that out of 1,782 applicants for the program 458 were issued grants and to date 113 have been installed. It is a work in progress and has, like any other initiative, had growing pains. Newsday reported that another 350 systems have been installed outside of the grant program.

Expediting the payment and permitting process funding and the further development more and better advanced septic systems have all been bumps in the road. Our communications with the County show that

these issues have been recognized and are being addressed.

According to Perter A. Scully, Deputy County Executive, who moderated a panel on regulatory constructs & policy pieces, the County is seeking more resident participation to install more of these systems and will be doing community outreach. Encouraging more homeowner involvement, community competition, and streamlining the process are all ideas that were mentioned at this and other events.

County Executive Steve Bellone's ambitious goal is to increase the number of new system installations from 40 to 100 per month.

Dr. Christopher J. Gobler who moderated the Technological Initiatives Panel pointed out that nitrogen pollution, including from wastewater, has led to fish kills and algal blooms in Suffolk waters.

Most of the septic industry seem to acknowledge that our environment and nitrogen intrusion is a concern, however, the problem should be dealt with in a pragmatic way, we need not throw out the baby with the bathwater.



UPDATE

About the Long Island Sound Study

The Long Island Sound's valuable recreational and commercial uses make it one of the most important estuaries in the nation.

In March 1988, the Long Island Sound was identified as an Estuary of National Significance and the Long Island Sound Study (LISS) became a part of the United States Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) National Estuary Program. The LISS is a cooperative effort involving researchers, regulators (EPA, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, and Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection), environmental groups, industry and concerned citizens dedicated to restoring and protecting the Long Island Sound.

Sound Stats:

□ The Long Island Sound estuary is approximately 110 miles long (east to west) and 21 miles across at its widest point and covers an area of 1,320 square miles with 600 miles of coastline. It is lo-



cated within the jurisdiction of two states, New York and Connecticut.

- The Long Island Sound watershed covers more than 16,000 square miles of land in six states. In New York, the total area of land that lies in the Long Island Sound watershed is 478 square miles. Within this large region, hundreds of smaller, local watersheds drain into streams and rivers, which eventually flow into the Sound. Improving the environmental quality of these local watersheds, which often cross municipal and sometime even state boundaries, is a priority of the Long Island Sound Study in order to prevent pollution from flowing downstream.

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Long Island Liquid Waste Association Certification 2019

The following tables designate the endorsements and present Suffolk County approved training programs offered by the Long Island Liquid Waste Association and the Suffolk County Department of Health Services

The LILWA Certification program has been approved by Suffolk County to fulfill the qualifications for **endorsements 1,2,3,4,5,6,7 and 9**. It is designed to educate those applying for or renewing a Suffolk County Septic License. The course schedule is below, and the fee is \$175 per person. It is an **8 Training Credit Hour (TCH)** program and is scheduled for 4 times per year.

The program consists of a classroom presentation, down loadable study guide and an open book test. It is designed to educate those applying for or renewing a Suffolk County Septic License.

An application for the LILWA program and a free study guide can be down loaded at: www.lilwa.org. Reading the guide ahead of time will help you through the test. You will be supplied with the same study guide at the session, however studying ahead of time will enable you to complete the session in a shorter period.

LILWA Endorsement Training

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2	Grease Trap/Grease Interceptor cleaning and Maintenance
3	Yellow Grease/Fryer Oil Collection
4	Temporary Restroom Facilities
5	Waste Line Cleaning and Inspection
6	Bulk Liquid Waste Transportation
7	Vactor (pump/vacuum) Services
9	Conventional Septic System Installation

LILWA Certification Schedule

Sessions	February 11, 2019	May 13, 2019	August 12, 2019	November 13, 2019
Time	9 AM-5 PM	9 AM-5 PM	9 AM-5 PM	9 AM-5 PM

Suffolk County Endorsement Training

10	Innovative and Alternative Treatment System Installer
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