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CALVERTON Sewage plant project getting \$3M more

The Calverton Sewer District will get an additional \$3,004,188 to pay for part of the improvement and expansion project at the sewage treatment plant.

The Riverhead Town Board voted 4-1 on last Tuesday to authorize bond money to pay for the remainder of the \$10.5 million project to upgrade the treatment plant. Some improvements include new effluent groundwater recharge beds and a collection and conveyance system.

The town approved \$7.5 million in bonds in June 2016 to pay for the project, but costs have gone up to \$10.5 million.

Town Councilwoman Jodi Giglio was the only board member who voted no. She said she wanted to be certain that the pending \$40 million land sale of 1,600 acres at the Enterprise Park at Calverton, if approved, would not require an expansion of the sewer district there.

— JEAN-PAUL SALAMANCA

ISLIP TOWN Town to monitor for code violations

The Town of Islip Division of Code Enforcement will perform its annual quality of life initiative beginning May 27. The initiative will address issues on residential properties in all hamlets, with the exception of Fire Island.

The town will look for violations of the property maintenance code, according to a news release, including outdoor storage of unregistered vehicles, parking of commercial vehicles, and excessive vegetation. Fines can range from \$25 to \$2,000, town spokeswoman Caroline Smith said.

“Officers respond to complaints and, in addition, are

assigned geographic areas to ensure that the same regions are not addressed more than once, so that we optimize our resources, ensuring that all residents within every hamlet in the Town of Islip enjoy a good quality of life,” Smith said.

The initiative will run through Sept. 2.

— ERIKA PETERS

GLEN COVE Library budget, trustee up for vote

Glen Cove Public Library district residents will vote next Tuesday on the library's proposed budget and select a new trustee.

The \$3.2 million budget would carry a 3 percent tax increase. Library director Kathie Flynn said the increase is needed to support some of the library's services, such as early literacy and English as a Second Language classes.

“It's been the same as in the past couple of years,” Flynn said. “We've been spending less on library materials like

books and periodicals and more money on the services we offer.”

Two candidates are also running for one five-year trustee seat on the five-member board, Flynn said. Arline Ellison is challenging incumbent Antonia Petrash.

Polls will be open 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

— RACHEL UDA

BABYLON TOWN Town board approves road repairs contract

Babylon Town has accepted a more than \$14 million bid from an East Moriches-based construction and road repair company to reconstruct its worst roads.

The Babylon Town Board accepted the bid from Rosemar Contracting Corp. at its April 10 meeting, expecting the company to fix the streets in disrepair.

The \$14 million bid is an estimate of costs for the work through the end of the year, which could be higher or lower, depending on exactly what work the company does,

officials said.

Babylon Town Supervisor Rich Schaffer announced in January the town would spend \$100 million over eight years to repave and repair roads beginning this spring.

That \$100 million is expected to save the town an estimated \$150 million over that time, Schaffer said, by repairing roads so they don't deteriorate and require more repairs.

— RACHEL O'BRIEN

OCEAN BEACH Village stays under tax cap for first time

The Ocean Beach Village budget will not pierce the state-mandated tax cap for the first time since the law's inception, an official said.

The village board approved an \$8.6 million spending plan for the 2019-20 fiscal year on Saturday, village clerk/treasurer Steven Brautigam said.

Officials had raised taxes above the 2 percent tax cap every year since 2011, officials said. The increases were especially needed to rebuild the

village on Fire Island after substantial damage from super-storm Sandy in 2012, officials said.

Ocean Beach has undergone a \$50 million makeover in the aftermath. More than half of the funding has come from grants and reimbursements from state and federal agencies, officials said.

The village will spend about \$230,000 less in the next fiscal year compared with 2018-19, budget documents show. General fund appropriations will be \$6.8 million, according to the budget. Officials plan to spend \$870,518 from the water fund and \$913,742 from the sewer fund.

The tax rate will increase by 1.9 percent, with residents paying an average \$11.52 per \$100 in assessed value on their homes, according to the budget.

Anticipated revenue will decrease from \$4.2 million to \$3.8 million, the budget shows.

Officials kept the tax increase down partly by lowering debt by \$4 million, Brautigam said.

— RACHELLE BLIDNER



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A place to reflect

GARDEN CITY. Visitors are replicated in a mirror exhibit encouraging kids to see patterns at the Long Island Children's Museum on Monday.

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