

Urgent vote on waste

Sewer plan would link Long Beach to Nassau facility

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Nassau County Executive Laura Curran will seek an emergency vote Monday by the county legislature on a \$66 million bond to reroute Long Beach sewage to the county's treatment facility and stop the flow of sewage into Reynolds Channel.

The county legislature's Rules Committee will consider an intermunicipal agreement with the City of Long Beach to consolidate sewage treatment to the county's Bay Park Water Pollution Control Plant.

City officials said the recent positive test of *E. coli* in city

drinking water is unrelated to the sewer consolidation plan, which has been in the works for three years. Curran's administration said the bond requires an emergency vote so the county and the city can meet deadlines to pursue grant funding from the state's department of economic development.

The county has started preliminary designs, which could lead to the start of construction next year.

"By investing in and rerouting our wastewater treatment system, we will allow the local ecosystem a chance to regenerate, bringing back cleaner, healthier bays for wildlife . . . spurring economic activity, all while saving taxpayer dollars," Curran said in a statement.

Republican support needed

Curran's proposal can only be approved if 13 members of the

Republican-majority 19-member legislature vote to declare a capital budget emergency. The county executive's administration is requesting an emergency vote for the city to meet specific state and federal grants in July for water quality initiatives.

Meeting on \$66M bond

Legislature Presiding Officer Richard Nicoletto (R-New Hyde Park) said he will meet with the GOP caucus Monday and in the Rules Committee to review the \$66 million bond.

"The legislature only received the contract and authorization one week ago and did not get a briefing until Thursday. The legislature must perform its due diligence before agreeing to a project that involves borrowing more than \$60 million," Nicoletto said in a statement.

Long Beach city officials plan to vote on a companion

agreement after the legislature's vote, which would require the city to spend \$18 million to convert its wastewater treatment plant into a pump station and transfer sewage to Bay Park through a pipe under Reynolds Channel. The city has already received \$6 million in state grants and proposed bonding up to \$6.3 million in 2017.

Officials said repairing and updating the city's wastewater plant would cost more than \$175 million, but construction of the pump station and three-mile connection pipe would cost about \$77 million. The project could be completed by the end of 2022.

Long Beach would plan to transfer up to 5 million gallons of raw sewage per day to Bay Park, limiting the amount of treated effluent flowing into Reynolds Channel and reducing ammonia and nitrogen levels in the water.

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CORRECTIONS

A story Saturday misidentified the fire department from which prosecutors have alleged a former official stole money. The Manhasset-Lakeville Fire Department was the alleged victim.

Apple Farm Realty LLC is applying for Babylon Town approvals to build a 7-Eleven store on Route 109. The company is in contract to purchase the property from owner Florida-based Rowtronics Inc. A news brief published last Wednesday incorrectly stated the property ownership status.

The Yankees were shut out by future Hall of Famer Lefty Grove on Aug. 3, 1933. The date was incorrect in Sunday's "Inside the Numbers" column.

THIS DATE IN HISTORY

1497 The first sighting of North America by a European is recorded by explorer John Cabot, who spotted what is likely present-day Canada.
1807 A grand jury in Virginia indicted former Vice President Aaron Burr on charges of treason and high misdemeanor (he was acquitted).
1957 The Supreme Court ruled 6-3 that obscene materials were not protected by the First Amendment.
1983 The space shuttle Challenger — carrying America's first woman in space, Sally K. Ride — coasted to a safe landing at Edwards Air Force Base in California.

At Webb, a proper launch

A champagne send-off is the order of the day for Abishai Thomas, center, and his fellow graduates at Webb Institute in Glen Cove, where students specialize in naval architecture and marine engineering.



HOWARD SIMMONS

2 Targets recall meat, poultry, Lunchables

A Massachusetts-based grocer has recalled some meat and poultry products that were sold at Target locations in Suffolk County because the products could contain *E. coli* or other pathogens, federal agriculture officials said.

The "ready-to-eat and not-ready-to-eat" meat and poultry products, including Oscar Mayer Lunchables and Ball Park Franks, came from C&S

Wholesale Grocers and were sold last Monday, agriculture officials said. The products had been stored at "an incorrect temperature," the U.S. Department of Agriculture statement said, and then inadvertently shipped, which means the meat may have grown harmful pathogens like *E. coli*, listeria or salmonella.

The products were sold at Target stores on Veterans

Memorial Highway in Com-mack and on North Research Place in Central Islip.

C&S Wholesale discovered the problem, then notified the USDA. The remaining inventory has been taken off shelves and destroyed, agriculture officials said.

The full list of possibly contaminated products at the Com-mack Target includes Oscar Mayer Lunchables, Hillshire

Farms dry salami, and Archer Farms shredded rotisserie chicken.

The full list of possibly contaminated products at the Central Islip Target includes Shady Brook Farms ground turkey, Ball Park Beef Franks and USDA Choice sirloin steak.

For more information on this recall and others, visit the fsis.usda.gov website.

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