



Village Leaf Pick-Up is in Full Swing

The Village of North Haven is once again be conducting the leaf pick up program. The leaf pick-up program will begin on November 15, 2010.

The second and final week of the leaf pick-up program will be the week of December 6, 2010.

Please remember no bagged leaves. Leaves only are to be placed at the edge of your property avoiding obstruction to vehicular traffic.

Mixed piles of brush will not be picked up as it tends to damage the equipment.

If you live within a private association please check with them for their leaf pick-up schedule.



Beach Storage on Sunset Beach

The Boating season has come to a close on October 31, 2010.

Boats left on the beach after December 1, 2010 will be removed at the owners expense.

Otherwise we will see you in the spring for the new boating season.



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LIPA's CRITICAL CARE PROGRAM

A Critical Care Program has recently been instituted by the Long Island Power Authority (LIPA) to help them identify and notify those individuals that require life-support devices during major storms. LIPA has compiled a list of life-support devices that meeting their criteria. Those devices are listed below:

1. Apnea Monitor
2. Carraise Respirator
3. Positive Pressure Respirator
4. Suction Machine
5. IV Feeding Machine
6. Tank Type Respirator
7. Respirator/Ventilator
8. Hemodialysis Machine
9. Rocking Bed Respirator
10. Oxygen Concentrator
11. IV Medical Infusion Machine



If you have one of these devices or think you or someone you know meets the criteria please contact LIPA at 1-800-490-0025 or visit their web site at www.lipower.org.

Deer And Tick News



Deer are the primary hosts of the blacklegged and lone star ticks. High concentrations of these ticks are present on the East End and in North Haven and pose a nuisance and health concern. Tick populations were notably high this summer. Subsequently, land surveyors and environmental workers were not able to do their field work without a high risk of exposure. This has slowed down a few building projects.

The multi-year, 4 Poster Study being conducted by Cornell University Cooperative Extension, is in the last phase. This study was to determine whether a device known as 4-Poster can reduce the populations of ticks. The 4-Poster devices are set up on Shelter Island and are a passive feeding station designed to apply the insecticide permethrin on the deer as it feeds. The permethrin then kills the ticks on the deer, which should reduce the number of ticks and adult ticks that will lay eggs. Studies have shown reductions in tick populations in the years following the

use of these devices, in turn reducing the risk of exposure to humans. We should be getting the results of this study some time this spring. We will keep you informed.

Presently, the best protection is not to venture into their primary habitat. Ticks live in woodlands, tall grasses, shrubs, and grassy fields. Also, frequent tick checks are so important even on a daily basis, especially during the most active months. Pets that go in and out of the house should also be checked if they are not on frontline or something similar.

The Village is continuing with the nuisance deer hunting. Keeping the ticks primary host to a minimum is crucial.

North Haven Trails Association

Perhaps you've noticed that you have not received the customary solicitation of dues and notice of regularly scheduled Trails Association activities. The reason, primarily, is that the problem of ticks and chiggers, described elsewhere in this newsletter, has caused us to refrain from sponsoring activities on the trails. With no formal activities and with the Village providing for the maintenance of the Jean Vielbig loop trail, our expenses have been minimal. Seeing no need to raise funds at this time, NHTA decided not to do a Village-wide solicitation of membership dues.

NHTA is alive and well and serving as an advocacy organization for the trails, parks, nature, and the environment. If you would like to be in contact with us or to make a donation, please do so through Bob Schneider at 25 South Drive. His email is human-gro@optonline.net; phone number is 725-1914.



SANTA IS COMING TO NORTH HAVEN

This December will be the fifty-seventh year that the North Haven Village Improvement Society will sponsor the annual visit of Santa Claus for the residents of North Haven. This tradition was started by a small group of dedicated members of the NHVIS as a community project and has grown to be a much anticipated holiday event for both children and adults.

On Saturday, December 11th, at 12 noon Santa will arrive in North Haven by Fire Truck for his annual visit. He will deliver a Holiday Stocking to children who are under the age of 10 years old. While Santa stops at each home he will listen to your child's holiday requests and give each child their stocking filled with goodies. Please call Regina Humanitzki at 725-7112, to reserve a visit from Santa.



Stocking Stuffing

Volunteers are need to help stuff holiday stockings for the annual Santa visit. Those interested in helping please meet at the North Haven Village Hall on **Friday, December 10, at 11 a.m.**





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The Board of trustees would like to take this time to wish everyone a happy holiday season

Seasons Greetings

Protecting Our Bays

In 1993, the Peconic Estuary became the 20th estuary in the nation to receive the designation as an “Estuary of National Significance” by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). As part of the National Estuary Program (NEP), the Peconics were charged with developing and implementing a watershed based comprehensive management plan. A new alliance was necessary to carry out this colossal task, and the Peconic Estuary Program (PEP) was born. The PEP is an innovative partnership of local, state and federal governments, citizen and environmental groups, businesses and industries, and academic institutions.

After years of hard work, the PEP Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan (CCMP) was formally adopted on November 15, 2001 by EPA Administrator Christine Whitman, with the concurrence of New York

State Senator George Pataki. There are an ambitious 340 management tasks included in the CCMP: priority topics include brown tide, nutrients, habitat and living resources, pathogens, toxic pollutants, and critical lands protection.



On September 20th, The PEP in concert with the Group for the East End, held a “Call to Action Conference”. This conference renewed interest in the PEP and identified some new initiatives. During panel discussions on habitat restoration, nitrogen, stormwater and eelgrass management, some of the next steps

include; reducing fertilizer and pesticide use on residential and municipal turf; land use regulations that will serve to protect our water bodies; and addressing known disturbance factors (i.e., impacts from personal watercraft activities, proliferation of shoreline stabilization structures, enforcement of acceptable fishing, shellfishing practices) to eelgrass meadows.

With North Haven practically in the middle of the Peconic Estuary, these topics are crucial to advancing the protection and restoration of our bays. Estuaries are the most productive ecosystems on earth, containing more life per square inch than the lushest rainforest canopy. This speaks to the importance of educating ourselves on how we can make our own contribution.