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### WEST ISLIP Culverts' cleanup delayed one week

A cleanup of contaminated sediment and culverts near Willetts Creek that was scheduled to start today has been postponed until next Monday.

State environmental crews are going to remove the sediment and clean out culverts near two West Islip public schools bordering Willetts Creek that are downstream from a Superfund site.

The first part of the work will focus on two walkways crossing Willetts Creek that lead to Beach Street Middle School and West Islip High School property.

The state Department of Environmental Conservation will remove sediment from the culverts, which have sidewalks crossing over them, as well as five feet upstream and downstream.

The delay is administrative, said a spokeswoman for the DEC.

— SOPHIA CHANG

### SOUTHAMPTON TOWN

#### Town board holds first meeting of year

Southampton Town Board members kicked off 2017 at their first board meeting on Wednesday by setting the salaries for town officials and employees, approving the appointments of several town committee members, and setting the board's schedule for the year.

After the first week, the town board has 25 regular meetings scheduled for 2017, including its Nov. 20 meeting where its members are to vote to adopt the budget for 2018.

The board also voted to set the 2017 salary schedule for town officials and employees outlined in the \$94.7 million town budget approved by the town board in November. The budget is available on the town's website, [www.southamptontownny.gov](http://www.southamptontownny.gov).

In addition, the board voted to permit 27 town police officers with twenty years of service or more in the Southampton Town Police Department to continue



DANIEL GOODRICH

## All hands on tech

**LYNBROOK.** Nate Roblin, 17, and Nick Inglima, 14, both in foreground, work on their robot yesterday. The team RoboBoogie members are in the FIRST Tech Challenge at Lynbrook High School, demonstrating their problem-solving skills, creative thinking and teamwork by programming robots to compete against others. ■ **Video:** [newsday.com/lynbrook](http://newsday.com/lynbrook)

serving the town this year.

The board approved one-year terms for members of its hamlet-based Citizens Advisory Committees, including East Quogue, Hampton Bays, Flanders/Riverside/Northampton, Noyac, North Sea and Water Mill.

The appointments of members for the town's Business Advisory Council, Anti-Bias Task Force Committee and Airport Noise Advisory Committee were also approved.

— JEAN-PAUL SALAMANCA

#### Golf course hearing to be held in school

With a large crowd expected for next week's third public hearing for a controversial proposal to build a golf and country club in East Quogue, Southampton Town officials announced they have moved the location of the hearing to fit the anticipated crowd.

The public hearing on "The Hills at Southampton"

project will now take place at the East Quogue Elementary School tomorrow, according to Town Supervisor Jay Schneiderman's office.

While Schneiderman had announced at the last hearing on the issue in December that the next hearing would be held at Town Hall, "due to the expected crowd size for the third public hearing, the location has now been changed back to the East Quogue Elementary School at 6 Central Avenue," a statement from the town read.

The last two meetings on the "The Hills at Southampton" project drew several hundred people. Opponents are concerned that construction of the golf course would have a negative impact in the Long Island Pine Barrens area.

Both previous meetings were at the elementary school. The hearing will take place at the school at 6 p.m. tomorrow.

— JEAN-PAUL SALAMANCA

### GLEN COVE City Council OKs employees' raises

The Glen Cove City Council on Dec. 26 unanimously approved raises for several department heads and other top employees.

Deputy Mayor Barbara Peebles will make \$83,450, up from \$79,950 in 2016; public works director James Byrne will receive \$138,915, up from \$135,915; city clerk Tina Pemberton will make \$51,354, up from \$48,354, and deputy city attorney Kristina Heuser will receive \$65 an hour, up from \$50 an hour.

Building department director Richard Summa will make \$118,005, up from \$115,005; Douglas Tuohy, the golf course superintendent, will get \$98,954, up from \$95,954; personnel officer John Charon will make \$87,025, up from \$83,525; senior services director Carol Waldman will receive \$81,890, compared with

\$77,890, and public relations officer Lisa Travatello will make \$66,000, up from \$61,500.

The city's new controller, Sandra Yu-Clarson, will make \$135,000, compared with the \$130,000-a-year salary that predecessor Jeffrey Nogid had. Nogid's employment with the city ended Dec. 19 after less than six months as controller. City officials say they do not comment on personnel matters; Nogid didn't respond to requests for comment.

— DAVID OLSON

### EAST END Drop in revenue for preservation fund

Peconic Bay Community Preservation Fund revenues were down by 7.3 percent for most of 2016 compared to 2015, according to state legislators.

A statement issued by Assemblyman Fred W. Thiele (I-Sag Harbor) said the first 11 months of 2016 generated revenue of \$84.3 million, \$6.6