

SepticSmart Week 2015

The US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) held it's third annual national SepticSmart Week this past September 21 - 25 . This years growing numbers of participants included Suffolk County's many townships and representatives from LILWA.

Starting in 2013 the EPA started this initiative in an effort to educate and inform homeowners living on properties serviced by onsite septic systems on the importance of properly maintaining and servicing their septic system and provide valuable resources to help homeowners make important decisions regarding their wastewater management needs. This promotion also provides resources for outreach organizations environmental groups and government leaders who seek to promote this message locally.



County Executive Steve Bellone kicks off SepticSmart Week at the Alan Marvin home in Nesconset

Under the direction of County Executive, Steve Bellone, Suffolk County and many local municipalities including LILWA supported and participated in this campaign. Nation-wide, nearly one in five U.S. homes have septic systems and

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Even though we suspended our monthly Board of Directors meetings for July and August due to summer vacations, things never slowed down at LILWA. The LILWA office was still addressing and handling the cut in hours at the Bergen Point Scavenger Waste facility.

As you probably already know, the hours were re-instated. I would like to thank Suffolk County Department of Public Works Commissioner Gil Anderson and his staff for taking the time and giving us the opportunity to state our position on this matter and the possible unforeseen consequences. Obviously they understood and agreed with our concerns. The result was an amiable solution to their side of



Andrew Andriola

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Shortly there after we held our Annual Summer Outing, which by popular demand has become a dinner cruise to Flynn's on Fire Island. Unfortunately the event has become so popular it sold out. The boat and the restaurant were over booked due to the response and we had to turn away some people. We have already addressed this with Flynn's for next year.

Speaking of LILWA special events, this year's holiday party will be a sit down dinner at the Bellport Country Club. You can

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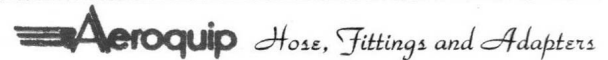
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Bergen Point Resolution

As reported in our last newsletter, LILWA President Andrew Andriola, Executive Director Linda Perlow and Secretary Dick Crescenzo met with Suffolk County Department of Public Works Commissioner Gil Andersen and members of his staff to discuss the early closings and cut in hours at the Bergen Point Scavenger Waste Facility.

The LILWA reps pled their case which included the negative effect it would have on servicing the homes and businesses as the Public Works Commissioner and staff listened intently. Other concerns included harm to the environment due to illegal dumping and the possible lay off of septic workers.

The county on the other hand had legitimate budgetary concerns they had to deal with and work out. In the end both sides agreed it was a dilemma and discussed other alternatives. Commissioner Andersen at the end of the meeting promised to take the problem and LILWA concerns to his superiors in an effort to find a resolution.

In the end a solution to the problem was attained and the Bergen Point hours have been restored thanks to the cooperation of government and private industry.



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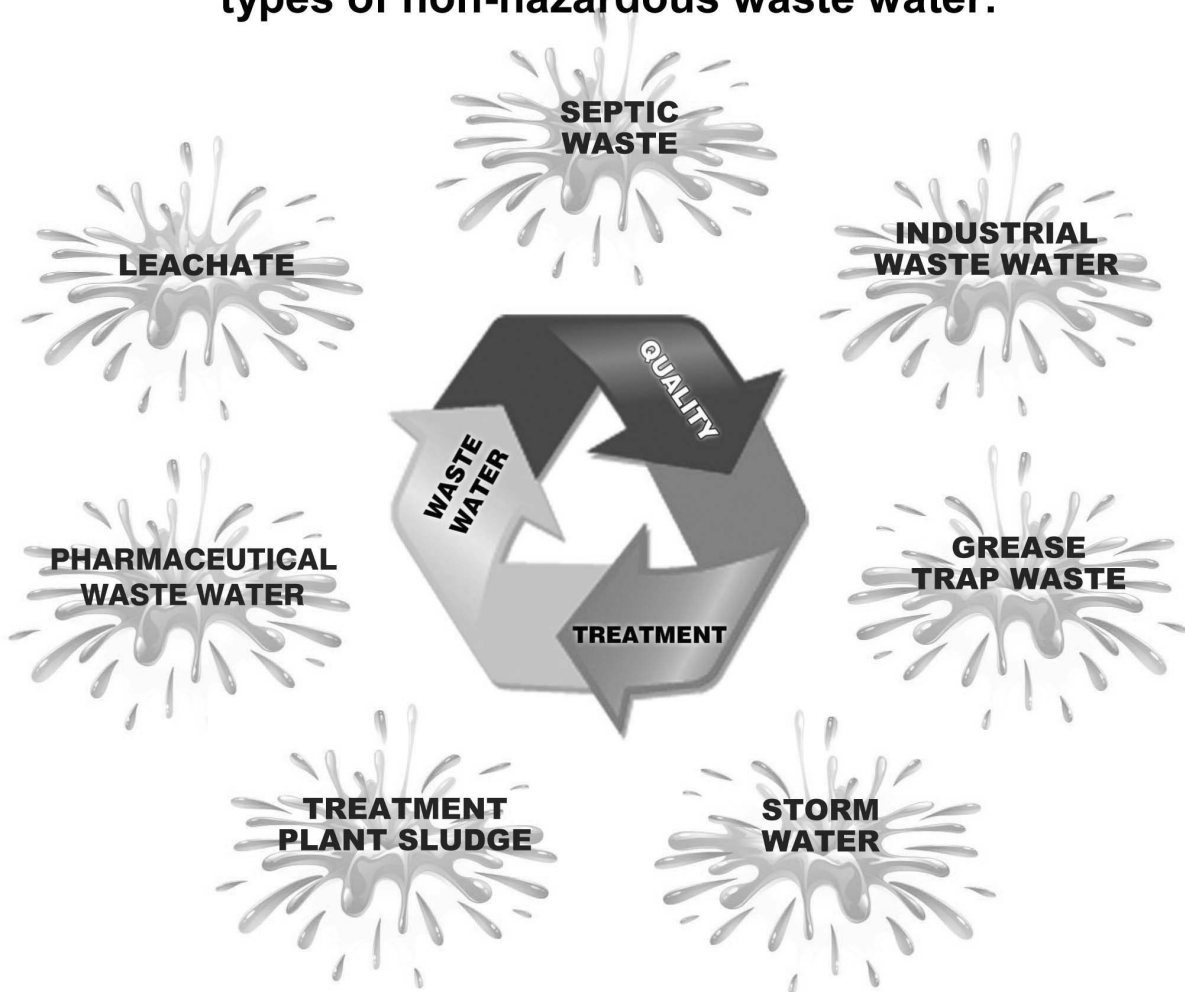
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LILWA will hold it's Annual Certification Night on Thursday November 12th at the Airport Diner on 37-60 Veterans Memorial Highway Bohemia NY 11716 at 7:00 PM. This seminar will be open to LILWA members, their employees and industry non-members certifying for the first time or renewing their certification. The certification is good for three years; therefore, those who were certified in 2012 or before are due to be re-certified this year. There will be refreshments served compliments of LILWA. The fee for Seminar/ Certification Test for LILWA Members and their employees is \$50 per serviceman and \$100 each to non members.

If you are one of the many LILWA member companies listed on our trade reference section on the LILWA internet site who are not yet certified, this is your chance to have your listing up graded and highlighted as a LILWA Certified Septic Company. Make your reservations now to attend this night. If your company is not yet listed on the site and you want to avail yourself of this free member benefit call the LILWA office for an internet form.

Just what does that certification badge on a serviceman's shirt or certification statement in your ad mean? To most customers it puts your company a step ahead of the crowd and increases your credibility. For one thing by taking the time and making the effort to get certified, it says you care about the quality of work you and your team provide to the consumer. The additional training lets your servicemen know that you care about them and improving their knowledge and abilities. It's that extra effort, that professionalism, that makes your company stand out from the pack, especially in these trying times.

Applications will be mailed to all LILWA members. If you need additional applications or have any questions call the LILWA office at (631)585-0448. All applications and payments must be in the LILWA office by November 9th.



SUNSET CRUISE

This past August LILWA members along with family and friends boarded the Moon Chaser out of Captree Boat Basin for a sunset cruise to Flynn's on Fire Island. Upon arrival at Flynn's we were treated to a sumptuous lobster buffet dinner followed by a cruise home under a star filled sky.





SepticSmart Week 2015

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here in Suffolk County seventy percent of our homes have onsite systems. Suffolk efforts are not only focused on educating residents on proper servicing, maintenance and inspection but the development and promotion and funding of more efficient, innovative and upgraded onsite systems.

Due to our ecology, Long Island's surrounding waterways and vulnerable aquifer, LILWA has taken a proactive position on educating the Suffolk residents about the methods and importance of proper and timely inspection and servicing of septic systems. Regular septic care and inspection is vital to the health and protection of our valuable water resources.

Even smaller Municipalities including the membership of the East End Supervisors and Mayors Association are actively supporting an initiative with county and state officials to approve advanced onsite septic systems for their residents.

In celebration of SepticSmart Week a group of public officials and Suffolk residents led by County Executive, Steve Bellone, went on a tour of the many activities scheduled for this event. Among the many activities was a septic system inspection and servicing demonstration held at Alan Marvin's home in Nesconset. LILWA President, Andrew Andriola of Andriola Cesspool Service along with board members Joe Garbarino of L&J Cesspool Sewer & Drain Co and Dick Crescenzo of W.A.S.T.E. Inc. volunteered their services, time and equipment to make this demonstration possible.

Included in the tour was some of the sites chosen by Suffolk County for pilot onsite septic system upgrades in an effort to eliminate a greater percent of the nitrogen emitted by septic systems. According to County Executive Bellone "It's time to focus on issues that are and have driven water quality, and the issues that allow us to reverse the decline we've seen in our water quality".

Bellone has focused a great deal of his attention on our environment and the long term effects of our actions or inactions. He is encouraging a proactive position involving building awareness, educating homeowners about proper care and timely maintenance of their onsite septic systems. He is also working closely with LILWA in proposing changes to the licensing process. Some of these recommendations include required training and continuing education for many specialized septic services. The County

believes these proposed changes, additional training and accountability will increase consumer confidence.

The County Executive confirmed that a partnership Suffolk County has developed with the Long Island Liquid Waste Association is helping to improve relationships between the private sector and their customers in wastewater management.



LILWA answers septic system inspection questions and demonstrates proper servicing



NAWT
National Association of Wastewater Technicians

UPDATE

Get Ready For the Waste Treatment Symposium

By Dhru Bhatt

The National Onsite Wastewater Recycling Association (NOWRA), with the National Association of Wastewater Technicians (NAWT), the State Onsite Regulators Alliance (SORA) and the Virginia Onsite Wastewater Recycling Association (VOWRA) are partnering to hold a major conference Nov. 4-6 in Virginia Beach, Virginia. The Mega Conference is a joint effort and will serve as the annual conferences for NOWRA, SORA and VOWRA, as well as the 7th Annual Waste Treatment Symposium for NAWT.

These four organizations share numerous issues including national and local regulations and policies, research, design, installation and maintenance of decentralized systems. The conference's exposition hall provides an invaluable opportunity to network and view current and emerging technologies in decentralized wastewater treatment.

The conference will serve as the premier conference for the conveyance of new research, regulations and policy, experience, and practices in the decentralized onsite wastewater industry. Attendees will be the winners with a great breadth of topics, vendors and educational tours.

Related: NAWT: Train the Trainer course expands reach of NAWT programs

Submit nominations for the 2016 NAWT Excellence in Service Award

The application deadline is fast approaching for NAWT's 2016 Excellence in Service Award. All applications for the award must be completed and postmarked by Nov. 2. Any applications received after the deadline will be placed on file for the next calendar year. For more details regarding NAWT's 2016 Excellence in Service Award, please visit our website at www.nawt.org.

2016 NAWT Hapchuck Scholarship

Applications for the 2016 NAWT Hapchuck Scholarship must be postmarked by Jan. 1, 2016, to be considered. All applications for scholarship must be completed by you, the applicant, and returned, if by postal service or email with the form to the NAWT office. Details regarding the assignment and applications for the scholarship can be found at the NAWT website.

If you have questions regarding NAWT, please feel free to contact us at 800/236-6298 or email info@nawt.org.

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find more details on this venue in this newsletter or call our office at 631-585-0448. I am looking forward to seeing you all there.

Following the Flynn's Dinner cruise our office was contacted by the Suffolk County Director of Planning Suffolk County Economic Development and Planning, Sarah Landsdale, requesting our participation in Suffolk County SepticSmart Week. Although it was extremely short notice we were able to accommodate their requests. I am grateful and would like to acknowledge LILWA Board of Directors Dick Crescenzo, and Joe Garbarino who volunteered their services and represented LILWA in week long event. The full story is also in this edition of the LILWA news.

Also, as you are reading this newsletter Suffolk County is conferring with our Board of Directors about changes, improvements and refinements to the Septic Licensing Law. The last edition of the LILWA News celebrated the twentieth anniversary of the law, which has remained untouched since inception. Like the rest of the world our industry is evolving with environmental, economic and consumer

confidence concerns and time has come to update the law.

In light of this, the Suffolk County Septic Advisory Board along with LILWA and County officials have been diligently working on ways to amend and improve the present law. I would like to, at this time, commend LILWA Board of Directors Judge Coleman, Dick Crescenzo and Tom Gallagher, who also serve on the Suffolk County Septic Advisory Board, for their diligent efforts to bring these changes to fruition. The wheels of government turn slow but their determination is bringing about the realization of this update.

What's up and coming? We will be holding our Annual Certification Night this November 12th, it's open to members and non-members. Notifications will go out to all members and the details are also in this newsletter.

I know I had a lot to say this month but, like I said much has been happening.

Andrew Andriola

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Here's To Your Health



Linda Perlow

As you may already know this is the beginning of the flu season. Last year's flu season was awful, most of us either came down with it or a family member or associate had a bad case. A bad season of the flu will cause adults to loose time from work and children to loose time from school, not to mention suffering through it.

Predicting how severe a flu season will be is not possible. Flu seasons are unpredictable in a number of ways. While flu spreads every year, the timing, severity, and length of the season varies from one year to another. Most seasonal flu activity typically occur between October and May. Flu activity most commonly peaks in the U.S. between December and February.

Government officials urge every person over age 6 months be vaccinated, noting that it is the best guard against the bug. Despite that recommendation, less than half the U.S. population received a vaccination. Perhaps that had something to do with the worse then normal spread of the flu.

A few people should not get a flu shot without talking to their doctor first. These include people with an allergy to eggs, those who had a severe reaction to the vaccine in the past, some people who are ill, and children younger than 6 months.

People should also take sensible measurers in terms of staying home if they become ill, washing hands and covering their cough of course.

Dr. Tom Frieden, Director of the US Center for Disease Control and Prevention said "This is the beginning of the flu season, there's plenty of vaccine out there... Flu is a potentially serious illness."

According to Dr. Frieden there are 171 million doses of the flu vaccine being produced this season, with 40 million doses already distributed. In the past there were problems meeting demands.

The current vaccine, which has been modified to target a strain that caused millions of illness last year, Frieden stat-

ed, should be a good match against this season's influenza, but only time will tell.

If you are a person of high risk, be it up in age or have any serious health complications, also talk to your doctor about a pneumonia shot . A pneumonia shot is presently recommended five years apart max twice in a life time

It takes about 2 weeks for your body to make the antibodies that protect you. So the best time to get the shot is in October or November, before the flu season starts. But it can still help if you get the shot in December or later, since flu season often doesn't peak until February or even later. And flu is a risk year-round in the tropics. If you are planning travel to a tropical area, you need only one flu shot in a year.

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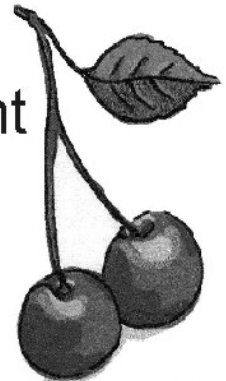
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