



The MPD Tide

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Mattituck Park District's Monthly Newsletter

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Commissioners' Corner

Electrification of our Parks: Powering Parks for a Greener Future

As the world strives for cleaner energy solutions, parks are emerging as key spaces for electrification. Our focus is to reduce carbon footprints and enhance visitor experiences. Our Parks are central to our quality of life and electrifying them supports sustainability goals. It reduces reliance on fossil fuels, improves air quality, and sets an example with an eco-friendly infrastructure. We are currently developing a plan to convert the infrastructure of our existing facilities to 100% renewable energy. We intend to start with the Lodge at Bailie Beach and then apply a similar strategy at Veterans Beach.

- Phase #1 - Bailie Beach Lodge
 - Installation of Solar Panels to support all facility energy needs
 - Replace existing Oil heating system with new electric Heat Pumps
 - Heat Pumps provide needed Air Conditioning
- Solar-powered lighting for trails and facilities
- Electrified maintenance equipment replacing gas-powered tools
- Benefits for Residents
 - Lower emissions and cleaner air
 - Reduced/eliminated grid dependence
 - Cost savings over time through renewable energy
 - Enhanced safety and reliability

Join us in supporting electrification projects! Learn more about upcoming initiatives and how you can get involved on our website at the button below.

From the Clerk

Human Understanding & Growth Services (HUGS)

HUGS is a 501(c)(3) that has served the youth and communities of Suffolk County for over 30 years (and was conceived at Mattituck HSI). HUGS will once again install their Holiday Tree at Vets on Sunday 11/30 at Noon. Please stop by any time though to decorate a shell and hang it on the tree.

HUGS provides prevention education strategies aimed at reducing high-risk behaviors among our youth while fostering positive attitudes to improve all areas of life.

NY Blood Center Blood Drive 15 December

The Mattituck Park District is pleased to announce that it will be hosting a blood drive at Veterans Memorial Park on the 12th of December from Noon-6.00PM.

All participating donors, who are residents of the MPD will receive a \$5 off discount for purchasing a Summer 2026 Resident Park District. (You will pay \$20 that day and the permit will be mailed when they are back from the printer in January.)

Appointments are strongly preferred, but walk-ins are welcome. Use the QR code on the poster, call 800-933-2566 or visit nybc.org

Blood Drive

11280 Great Peconic Bay Blvd.
Mattituck

Monday, December 15th
12:00pm-6:00pm

All participating donors, who are residents of the Mattituck Park District, will receive a \$5 off discount for purchasing a Summer 2026 Resident Beach Permit.

Appointments strongly preferred, walk ins welcome
To make an appointment: Scan the QR code, call 1-800-933-2566, or visit www.nybc.org
Any further questions contact Chris 631-298-9103
Medical Questions Call 1-800-688-0900

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Prepare to donate

- Eat well and hydrate
- Bring a photo ID
- Feel good and symptom free
- Must be 17+ or 16 with parental consent form
- Meet minimum weight requirements

For full eligibility requirements and COVID-19 information, visit nybc.org/eligibility.

Reminder: Any event that Mattituck/Laurel residents hold at one of our venues from now through February 28 will be discounted by 25%.

November Recap

Congratulations to Commissioner Denise Geis on her re-election! She garnered 64 votes, and six people cast blank ballots. Thank you all who turned out to vote. Thanks too to the 50 or so of you who came to our holiday-season beginning screening of Elf, a wonderful time was had by all.

We successfully migrated our website to .Gov while straightening out some tech issues. Going forward we have office-oriented email; reach Clerk Chris Shashkin at Clerk@mattituckparks.gov; Facilities Manager Ben Heins at FM@mattituckparks.gov, and our Secretary at Secretary@mattituckparks.gov. We also welcomed our new Counsel, Benjamin Johnson (Counsel@mattituckparks.gov).

We're faced with a new challenge at Aldrich Lane Fields and our Love Lane property. Water testing revealed contamination in their water supplies. Suffolk County Water will hook up Love Lane for free; we are working with the county on treatment options for Aldrich Lane Fields.

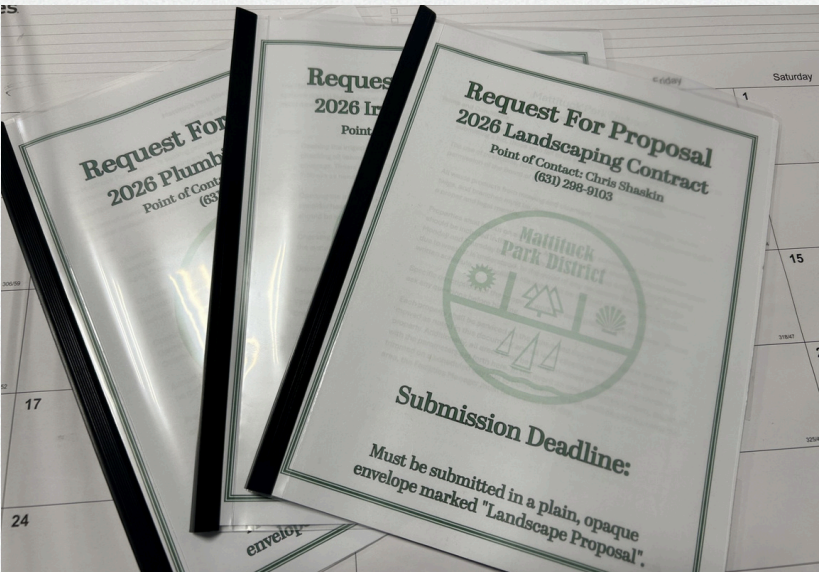
Facilities Update: Upcoming RFPs

Like many small municipalities, the MPD relies on outside contractors for certain aspects of our facilities operations. Jobs that require specialized equipment or more manpower are bid out to local companies.

This month we are requesting proposals for landscaping, irrigation, and plumbing contracts. A complete RFP package for each is available at the main office. Prospective bidders will have to walk through our properties with the Facilities Manager to get the full scope of each project. There is obviously some overlap between the facilities crew and contractors. While the landscape contractors mow and trim the lawns of the parks, you will still see the MPD crew weeding, trimming branches, and tending to flower beds.

The facilities crew will still be dealing with the day-to-day leaks and plumbing repairs, but shutting down and winterizing half a dozen seasonal restrooms and servicing water heaters is something to leave to the pros.

If your company is interested in any of these contract call me at (631) 298-9396 to get a copy of the RFP and I'll walk you through our various properties to show you what each job entails.



Santa is Coming!

Join us at noon at Veterans Beach on Saturday, December 13th for a wonderful Santa Day.

As usual, we'll have crafts and games for the kids, and we will be giving away door prizes. Starbucks is contributing hot chocolate and treats, while North Fork Potato Chips is contributing their delicious chips. We'll again have Zags Photo Booth for picture fun. The Pick Pockets (starring our own Kevin Byrne) will be caroling. New this year: a snow machine! We hope that adds a little extra magic.

Even if you can't make it for the noon start, make sure you're no later than 1 pm--that's when Santa will arrive on his fire truck sleigh.

Please come join us for some fabulous family fun.



Potential 2026 Projects

We have begun thinking through what we hope to accomplish next year, and welcome your input. Please join us at an upcoming Work Session or Regular Meeting to weigh in. In December, the Work Session will be Wednesday December 3, and the Regular Meeting will be December 17.

Ideas we are currently considering include:

- Bay Ave: A kayak launch, minor additional plantings, the removal of phragmites to expose the water view, and the relocation/recreation of the tennis courts;
- Bailie Beach Lodge: Solar, air conditioning, bathroom upgrades, and parking improvements; (imagine comfortably holding an event there in August!);
- Breakwater Beach: Playground upgrades.
- Aldrich Lane: Pickleball.
- Veterans Beach: A pavilion
- Love Lane: A new dock and kayak launch

Good to Know

The Commissioners hold a Work Session and a Meeting every month, and occasionally a Special Meeting. In December, the Work Session will be on Wednesday December 3 at 6PM. The Meeting will be on Thursday December 18 at 6 pm. Agendas are posted on our website in advance. You are welcome and encouraged to attend the meetings.

Click on the Facebook and Instagram icons to follow us on social media. If you received this newsletter from a neighbor or friend, please click on the button below to subscribe.

Mark Your Calendar

- November 30 Installation of HUGS Holiday Tree at Veterans Memorial Park at Noon
- December 7 Presentation at 1PM at Bailie Beach Lodge on Bald Eagles
- December 13 Santa Comes to Vets at 12 Noon
- December 14 Chanukah Celebration at Vets 4.30PM
- December 15 NY Blood Center Blood Drive Noon- 6PM at Vets
- December 17 MHS Biography Lecture: Washington at Vets 6PM

Bald Eagle Presentation

7 Dec at 1PM

Bailie Beach Lodge

Turtleback Conservation



Come to this lecture if you wish to learn more about our local bald eagle population and how to get involved in Bald Eagle monitoring

Mattituck Park District Presents

Party With Santa

Door Prizes
Winners chosen at 2:30pm

Bring your family to delight in the magic of the season! Enjoy crafts & games.

Hot chocolate and snacks donated by Starbucks. Potato chips donated by North Fork Potato Chips.

Santa arrives at 1pm on the Fire Engine!

Dec 13 12pm
Veterans Beach
Mattituck

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