Dear Members of the ICB,

The Island Community Board continues to function as an open and accessible forum for everything concerning our island. As an extension of this endeavor, The Fishers Island Annual Report will give Islanders an essential resource and listing of the critical work done by so many volunteers, staff, and board members of the many independent FI organizations.

A copy of the ICB’s 2017 Fishers Island Annual Report may be found at the Fishers Island Community Center and on FishersIsland.net.

Please note, that in the preparation of this Report, all island entities were solicited to provide their information for inclusion and all information presented in this report is done so at the pleasure of the responding organizations.

Questions and comments about the report may be directed to ICB Representative Nate Malinowski at Nate.Malinowski@gmail.com.

Thank you,
The Island Community Board

Elected Seasonal Reps
Tom O’Neil, President
Dicky Riegel
Willard Soper

Elected Year-Round Reps
Meg Atkin
Nate Malinowski
Rev. Candace Whitman

Organization Reps
Chris Arsenault, FI School District
Geb Cook, FI Ferry
Tim Patterson, Waste Management
Marc Rubenstein, Island Health Project
Matt Edwards, Walsh Park
Mark Gaumond, FIDCO
Chris Finan, Fishers Island Utility Company
Elizabeth McCance, Henry L. Ferguson Museum
Tom Sargent, FI Conservancy
Joe Brock, FI Fire District
Louisa Evans, Town Rep/ Ex Officio
Southold Town Board adopts 2018 operating and capital budgets

By Denise Civiletti, Southold Local, November 15, 2017

Southold’s 2018 operating budget was brought back to the spending level proposed by Supervisor Scott Russell in September before it was unanimously adopted by the town board at a special meeting last night.

Russell’s tentative budget required a 1.64-percent tax rate increase to fund the 2018 spending plan. The town board’s preliminary budget added just under $75,000 to the tentative budget, bringing the tax rate increase to 1.77 percent.

But after a Nov. 8 budget hearing, board members agreed to shave expenditures by the amount they’d added. The reduction was accomplished in two ways, Russell explained. First, town officials concluded they’d over-budgeted for health insurance costs by $30,000. Second, they shifted the expenditure of $45,000 for a new road-striping machine from the operating budget to the capital program budget.

“We believe since it’s a direct result of the road resurfacing program and is to be used directly as part of that program, it is appropriate to charge it to that fund,” Russell said.

Total town-wide appropriations in the adopted 2018 operating budget are $45,687,473, a 3.67 percent increase in town-wide spending over 2017.

The total amount to be raised by real property taxes is $34,960,059, a 2.28 percent property tax levy increase.

The town-wide appropriations include the solid waste district but not other special district taxes such as park district or fire district taxes or Fishers Island ferry, sewer or waste management district taxes.

To learn more visit: http://fishersisland.net/southold-town-board-passes-45-4m-2018-budget/

REMINDER ABOUT FIC GOLF COURSE OFF SEASON ACCESS

The Fishers Island Sportsmen’s Club leases the Fishers Island Club golf course and other Club lands from FIDCO for shooting during the off-season, November 1 to March 1.

Fishers Island Club members, their guests, and anyone else MUST check with Luis Horn (860) 389-5400 before venturing onto the property for their own safety.

Walking the course without permission is considered trespassing. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.
The 7th Annual Turkey Trot hosted by the Fishers Island Community Center (FICC) was ‘overrun’ with enthusiastic participants again this year, breaking all previous attendance records.

Many thank yous go out to all the people who helped make this event a big success – including volunteers Elizabeth Reid, Heather Burnham and Izzie Reid who helped Thanksgiving Day with registration, FICC’s Manager of Finance & Administration Kathleen Neiman and her husband Chef Ed Neiman for organizing, supplying and hosting the delicious breakfast, and of course the FICC’s Director of Operations Sarah Porter for overseeing the event, the groundwork, early registrations, and great t-shirts.

Thank you to the 2017 Turkey Trot Sponsors who included David Burnham, Race Rock; Heather Burnham, Beach Plum; Bill Bloethe, FI Village Market; Sarah and Steve Malinowski, Fishers Island Oyster Farm; Jim Reid, Mystic Isle Realty; Elizabeth Reid, Amaden Gay Agencies; Jeremy Spofford and Aaron Lusker, Lusker & Spofford Construction; Bob Warden, Pequot; the FICC; and Bob Meyer, Maple Syrup Cook Family Farm 1847.

### 2017 TURKEY TROT PRIZE WINNERS

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**Community Service Opportunities @ Union Chapel**

Volunteers are needed! Union Chapel has a wish list of weekly and monthly tasks that are important to this year-round church. These tasks also qualify as Community Service hour requirements if need be.

Anyone who is interested in volunteering should contact Union Chapel at 788-7898 with their information, and the church’s volunteer coordinator will contact them. Thank you in advance!
The 7th and 9th grade students enjoyed a chilly excursion to the Clay Pits with Nate Malinowski, Director of The Lighthouse Works. Mr. Malinowski gave students a brief history of the clay pits and then dug some clay for students to clean and bring back to the classroom. Students kneaded the clay to work out some excess water and further cleaned out debris. This month students will work with Mr. Malinowski and resident artists to learn about ceramics and create individual projects.

A reminder that driving on the beach in Southold is not permitted.
NOTE: The photos are intended to point out the beauty of the beach without the vehicle’s tire tracks-hence the “tireless” quote - hoping that folks would understand NOT to disrupt the sands/habitat-rather use the time being a steward-or at least respect Islanders that actually spend time cleaning up those very sands of marine debris etc.

Munnatawket to New Bedford

Fishers Island Ferry District’s Munnatawket transited to New Bedford, MA, November 8, 2017 for scheduled maintenance. She is due to return from the Fairhaven Shipyard in January, if there are no delays. The Munnatawket’s work list is below:

1) Weld repair +20 locations on passenger deck hand rails.
2) Install A-60 structural fire protection in engine room.
3) Renew approx. 160 square feet of hull plate. Various locations.
4) Open and inspect sewage tank and replace plate as needed.
5) Blast, renew plate as needed, prime and paint ballast tank.
6) Install heated windows in pilot house to keep them ice-free in winter.
7) Install windshield wipers on pilot house windows.
8) Overhaul starboard generator motor.
9) Renew anchor windlass foundation and associated wiring.
10) Overhaul car deck sprinkler valves.
11) Pressure wash and paint bottom.
12) Replace props.
13) Upgrade passenger cabin lighting.
14) Upgrade wheel house heat and some systems.
15) Install new cleat starboard side to better match new dolphin locations.

Photo by Ray Harding of Fairhaven Shipyard, November 2017.
IN MEMORIAM: ROBERT E. WALL

Sterling, CT – Robert E. Wall, 75, passed away peacefully at Day Kimball Hospital in Putnam on Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2017, after a brief illness, with his wife, children and other family members by his side.

Bob lived most of his life on Fishers Island and always said that he had salt water flowing through his veins. Bob was born at the Fort H.G. Wright Army Hospital on Fishers Island, on Feb. 9, 1942, and was raised on the island by his parents, Ernest and Anne (Arasamowicz) Wall along with his five surviving siblings, James Wall, Judith (Wall) Imbriglio, Patricia (Wall) Faulkner, Peter Wall and William Wall.

Bob is survived by his wife of 12 years, Brigitte Revel-Wall. He was predeceased by his first wife, Eileen (Grebe) Wall, in 1998. He is also survived by his daughter, Meri Lee (Wall) Tyler and her husband, Brooke, and their two children, Ben and Charlotte; his son, Mike Wall and his partner, Rachael Sorrano; his two stepsons and their spouses, Gabriel and Amanda Uribe and Manuel and Keagen Uribe; and four stepgrandchildren, Gage and Morgan Uribe and Sierra and David Uribe; and 11 nieces and nephews.

He owned and operated Robert E. Wall Plumbing & Heating Contracting Company on the island beginning in 1967 and later expanded into electrical and general contracting services. After deciding to close his business in the 1990s, he became the general manager of Fishers Island Water Works. Before retiring in 2012, Bob was president of the Fishers Island Utility Company. He was a long-standing member and chief of the Fishers Island Fire Department with nearly 50 years of service, as well as a captain for the Sea Stretcher, the island ambulance boat. He held a U.S. Coast Guard issued Master 100 Ton License for operation of marine vessels. Bob was formerly a member of the island ambulance squad and was certified as an Advanced-EMT. Bob was an active and long-standing member of the Walsh Park Benevolent Association board. It was very important to him to try and keep year-round population flourishing on the island and this was one of the many ways he contributed. He proudly served three years in the U.S. Army and was on active duty in South Korea during the Vietnam era.

Bob’s hobbies included saltwater fishing either from the shore or his boat, bird hunting, sharing his island knowledge, raising family pets that included many dogs, cats, rabbits, and even a goat that was given to his young children for Christmas, as well as cooking and grilling for friends and family. Bob loved a good game of cribbage or poker and also enjoyed going on cruises and traveling to new places. Once Bob moved off of Fishers, he enjoyed the new found freedom of being able to go every morning to the local farm stand just down the road to get fresh eggs for breakfast and on weekends going to local yard sales in search of treasures. Bob will always be remembered for his love of his family and friends and his unending kindness and generosity.

A private memorial service will be held at a later time at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to the Fishers Island Fire Department, P.O. Box 123, Fishers Island, NY 06390. Published in The Day on November 12, 2017.

FI SCHOOL’S UNIFORMS GO TO TEAM IN GUATEMALA

Meet Sergio. He is an engineer who graduated from the University of Guatemala. An accident left him paraplegic while he was still a student. Learning how to cope with his new physical condition was an everyday struggle, but his cheerful personality got him through the worst. His determination and goodwill have pushed him forward, and today he has found meaning in the things he loves, like basketball. He is most happy in the company of good friends who share his same love for the sport.

Under Sergio’s leadership, they meet a couple of times a week to practice, play, and share a good laugh. Sergio and his teammates are most grateful to the Fishers Island School for the donations of basketball uniforms. “Now we feel like a real team,” he said.

Little Pebbles would like to thank once again the Fishers Island School for its continuing support of our mission in helping orphan children in Guatemala and individuals like Sergio and his friends. Together we are doing great things!

Little Pebbles Ministries is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.
ID number: 47-3717678 filittlepebbles.org
By Yaritza Gello
FROM MÉLIE’S GARDEN

It is holiday shopping time again and here are a few suggestions for the gardeners on your list.

There is a beautiful gardening magazine that I have enjoyed reading called Garden Design. It comes out quarterly and I have found every issue that I have received not only beautiful but also full of good information. Visit GardenDesign.com to subscribe.

The Connecticut Gardener is a newsletter that also comes out quarterly and is full of information about gardening in the Fishers Island area that is very helpful. Visit www.conngardener.com for information.

A membership in the America Horticulture Society is nice to have and they also have an informative magazine, “The American Gardener” at ahsgardening.org or call 800-777-7931 for membership information.

I spend some of the time in New York City and have always enjoyed my memberships at the New York Botanical Garden and Wave Hill. They are both wonderful places to visit and offer courses and lectures throughout the year. A membership also gives you a discount in their nice gift shops, which I have also found useful. For the NY Botanical Garden see www.Nybg.org or email membership@nybg.org and for Wavehill go to www.wavehill.org/ or call 718 549-3200 for information.

Other ideas for gardening friends are Amaryllis Bulbs from John Scheepers, Inc. that produce glorious flowers in mid-winter or a selection of unusual houseplants from Logee’s in Danielson, CT to cheer up the short winter days. www.logees.com and www.johnscheepers.com

Last year I gave my youngest grandchildren a small window birdfeeder that they have just loved. It sticks on to the window with big suction cups and works very well in a protected area where it won’t get much wind. Natures Hangout Window Bird Feeder at www.Amazon.com

This year I am going to give them a self-watering vegetable garden where they can see the roots develop from the seeds they plant. Rootvue Farm, www.mindware.com and 800-999-0398

And, for my older grandchildren, I am going to give them a Build It Yourself Insect House which is advertised as a building kit for “Young & Old” from Gardner’s Edge that I think they will enjoy putting together and observing the insects that hopefully will move in. Build It Yourself Insect House, www.gardnersedge.com

What I would really like Santa to bring me this year is a new compost drum and a small wood chipper. But he might not be able to fit both of them into his sleigh and one might have to be delivered later by the Easter Bunny. Happy Christmas to all!
**ELECTIONS**  
FIRE & WASTE MGMT.  
DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS  
Tuesday, December 12  
6:00-9:00pm  
@ the Fire House

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**FI SCHOOL WINTER CONCERT & ART SHOW**  
Date: December 7, 2017  
Time: 4:45 PM-7:00 PM  
Location: FIS Gymnasium  
Class Fundraising Dinner and Holiday Shopping opportunities before the show!

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**Union Chapel is pleased to host the**  
**ANNUAL PIANO RECITAL**  
by Students of Kapri Thomas  
Join us  
Friday, December 15 ~ 5:00 pm  
with a Pot Luck dinner to follow.

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**SENIOR LUNCHEONS ~ 2017-2018**  
Everyone over 60 is invited to join us! Luncheons are held on the 3rd Thursday of the month – most are held at the Union Chapel. Enjoy a delicious home cooked meal, monthly door prize/raffle, seasonal table settings, and interesting conversation.  
Please call Heather Burnham if you would like to be added to the list at 788-7662.  
Save these Upcoming Dates: Dec 21, Jan 18, Feb 15, Mar 15, Apr 19, and May 17

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**FERGUSON MUSEUM’S HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE**  
All are invited to this festive evening  
Saturday, December 23  
5:00 – 7:00 pm

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**AMAZON PRIME & SEA STRETCHER**  
If you shop on Amazon, much of your holiday spending can contribute to the Sea Stretcher with no extra cost to you!! For eligible purchases, AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price to the Sea Stretcher. Make sure to bookmark smile.amazon.com  
Direct link to FIFD/Sea Stretcher Account http://smile.amazon.com/ch/06-0955180  
Or, you can donate directly to the FIFD and note Sea Stretcher in the check Memo.
If you have something you would like posted on FishersIsland.net or in the Fog Horn - a story idea, an event, photos to share, suggestions or an interest in advertising, please contact Editor Jane Ahrens at (631) 788-7487 or finyinfo@gmail.com. Contact Sarah Porter to place an event on the Community Calendar at www.fishersisland.net/events/ at (631) 788-7683 or fishersislandevents@gmail.com. FIND ALL THE NEWS, STORIES, PHOTOS & EVENTS AT WWW.FISHERSISLAND.NET

Library Book Group
December 14:
A Redbird Christmas by Fannie Flagg

Union Chapel Christmas Eve Service
Sunday, December 24
4:30 PM

Island Community Board Meeting
5:30 December 11
@ the Community Center.
Community members are welcome and encouraged to attend the ICB meetings.

Fishers Island Fog Horn
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Fall Fishing ~ 2017

From the photo gallery FI: Memorable Moments in Photos on FishersIsland.net
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