

Community Awareness March 2019
Co-Chairs - Lisa Gelman & Kim Marcus

Meeting on March 25, 2019

Attendance: Michelle Kahn/HSW; Denise Maestre/HSE; June Foster/West Hollow/HSE; Clay Wade/Leg. Susan A. Berland's Office; Nina Cunningham/ PTA Council; Katherine Mileta/SEPTA; Melissa Gentile/Candlewood; Sue Nicolino/Ostego

Long Island

Family Dollar stores are said to be closing almost 400 of its more than 15,000 stores. Specific store closures are not yet named. Family dollar has shown strong 4th qtr sales. Their strategy is to renovate and rebrand many of its stores this year.

All Charlotte Russe clothing stores have filed for bankruptcy and are closing all of its 400 stores nationwide. Liquidation sales are happening now in all stores including at nearby Tanger Outlet Deer Park, South Shore Mall Bay Shore, and Hicksville Mall.

JC Penney store in the Smithaven Mall will be closing this summer. A total of 22 JC Penney stores across the country will be closing due to missed financial target.

Farmingdale

The Botanist a National Medical Marijuana Dispensary is coming soon. The sign is already out front and the website is up. The address is 2365 Broadhollow Rd. Farmingdale next to the Melting Pot

Nelly's Taqueria at 47 Boundary Ave. Farmingdale is a new Mexican eatery serving over 60 different kinds of tacos w avg price of \$6 each. It's the 2nd location. The original is in Hicksville.

High Tide Taco Bar and Restaurant at 257 Main Street in Farmingdale Village just opened Feb 27th. All types of tacos including many unique types. Also has vegetarian and vegan.

Melville

Walt Whitman Mall - Caring Bunny is coming for a visit on Sunday, March 31 and April 7th from 9am to 11am! Caring Bunny provides an exclusive, subdued and welcoming environment for children with special needs and their families. Located in Center Court. Photos will be taken and available for purchase at this event.

The Refuge located at 515 Broad Hollow Rd is so excited for the return of our Barkin' Brunch on April 28th.

Plainview/Woodbury

Pokeworks at 8285 Jericho Tpke in Woodbury Commons is new Hawaiian inspired specialty chain. It features bowls burritos and salads using raw fish as it's main protein.

Commack/E. Northport

Whole Foods Commack on Vets Memorial Hwy is official opening Wednesday April 3rd at 9 AM. Opening day celebrations include complimentary coffee and pastries and the first 200 customers receive a reusable shopping bag.

Kings Park/Smithtown

Dixie's Smokehouse Texas BBQ in Kings Park has closed. It is set to reopen under a new name and new location this spring. Andersen's Smokehouse Grill will open on Main Street in Smithtown in the shopping center with Costello's Ace hardware.

Babylon

Doughology will be expanding to Babylon Village with a second store in Spring 2019!!

www.doughologydonuts.com

Huntington

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo announced \$70.4 million in bridge construction projects on Long Island, including the start of construction on a \$28.2 million project to replace the Walt Whitman Road Bridge over the Long Island Expressway (Interstate 495) in the town of Huntington, Suffolk County. The new, wider structure will feature five lanes: two southbound lanes, one northbound lane, one northbound left-turn lane and an additional lane to provide space for a southbound left-turn lane at one end of the bridge and an extra northbound left-turn lane at the other end of the bridge. Sidewalks will be installed for pedestrians on both sides of the highway, with shoulders for bicycling on each side. Intersections at each end of the bridge will be widened as part of the project to allow more efficient traffic flow. The new bridge is being constructed utilizing resilient materials that will require significantly less maintenance, including metalized steel girders that do not require painting and a continuous bridge span instead of a multi-span structure, which does not require bridge joints, allowing for a smoother riding surface.

Construction will be staged. A portion of the new bridge will be built on the east side while traffic is maintained on the existing bridge. Traffic will then shift onto the new bridge portion, while the existing bridge is demolished and the west side of the bridge is constructed. Pedestrian access will be maintained throughout construction. Consistent with Governor Cuomo's Drivers First initiative, the project has been designed to minimize traffic impacts. Most work will be performed behind concrete barriers and there will be no lane closures during peak commuting hours. Major work on the project will begin shortly, with completion scheduled for fall of 2020.

NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD: April 29th 2019

