

Hampton Bays Civic Association Can We Protect and Defend The Marine Ecosystem and Fishing Pier of The Old Ponquogue Bridge

Press Release

Monday, November 17th at 7:00 p.m. the Hampton Bays Civic Association will hold its monthly meeting at The Southampton Town Community Center, 25 Ponquogue Avenue ... all are welcome. The subject of this month's meeting is:

Can We protect and Defend The Marine Ecosystem and Fishing Pier of The Old Ponquogue Bridge.

Following a video presentation that demonstrates clearly the abundance, fragility, and dynamics of the colonies of biodiversity that inhabit the pilings of the old Ponquogue Bridge, a panel of qualified and experienced experts will discuss the procedures available to assess the damage time and Hurricane Sandy created to raise this issue.



This panel will be composed of members of the Southampton/ Hampton Bays working Community: Anna Throne-Holst – Town Supervisor, Scott Horowitz and Ed Warner Jr. – Town Trustees, Barry Lipsky – LIDA¹ President, Kevin McAllister – Founder of Defend H2O, and Christopher Paparo – Manager of the Stony Brook University and Southampton College Campus Marine Science Centers.

Together they will discuss the importance of finding a way to repair and preserve the remains of the old Ponquogue Bridge whose world class biodiversity has earned it a historic role with the Long Island Diving community ... whose beauty and reward lists it high on the list of places to fish on Long Island ... a bridge whose natural setting, unique history, and welcoming ambience creates a tourist attraction for anyone who loves those special qualities of life found only on the south shore of Long Island.

Tourist, home owner, diver, fisherman, boater, clammer, environmentalist, or if just once in your Hampton Bays life you wore the sweatshirt that declared: **I survived the Ponquogue Bridge** ... join us.

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