

MAY 2012

BUDGET ISSUE

TIDINGS
FROM THE SAYVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT
"THE FOUNDATION FOR SUCCESS"
SAYVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT
NEWSLETTER VOLUME 27.3
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- We are **UNDER THE CALCULATED 2% TAX LEVY CAP.**
- We are **PRESERVING INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS.**
- We are adding **A SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM.**
- We have **NO LAYOFFS!**

PUBLIC HEARING
on the 2012-2013
Proposed School Budget
7:30 P.M.
Tuesday, May 8th
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

In the 2012-2013 Proposed Budget

DEAR NEIGHBORS:

♦ Sayville is **UNDER THE CALCULATED 2% TAX LEVY CAP.**

During this year's budget development process, Sayville School District's proposed increase on the Tax Rate dropped from 4.77% to 2.33%, putting Sayville UNDER the calculated 2% Tax Levy Cap (with the allowable exemptions).

Additional State Aid, that was at first projected to be \$800,000, assisted in lowering the Tax Rate to 3.31%. Then, due to changes in the finalization of the State's Budget, \$440,648 more State Aid was promised to Sayville. In appreciation of the tremendous support the community has shown in the past, the Sayville Board of Education agreed to give this extra State Aid entirely back to the taxpayers by lowering the Tax-Rate Increase even further to 2.33% This translates to \$161 yearly increase or \$13.42 a month (based on the average home with an assessed valuation of \$40,000).

Receiving over \$1.2 million in State Aid has ensured that School District is **WELL UNDER** the new Tax Levy Cap Law for which a simple majority vote is required.

♦ Sayville is **PRESERVING PROGRAMS.**

Through responsible spending, Sayville will maintain many of the District's excellent programs at their current level. Even before the State came through with additional aid, the District focused on preserving quality programs. At the secondary level, enrollment numbers—not financial shortfall—determines the course offerings.

♦ Sayville is **ADDING A SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM.**

Responding to needs in the District, a new Special Education program will bring back some District students and help off-set program costs. Once established, the District has the potential to tuition-in students into available openings within the program.

♦ Sayville will have **NO STAFF LAYOFFS.**

Sayville continues to downsize through retirements (attrition) and the restructuring of all positions.

As volunteers and fellow Sayville residents elected to serve on your School Board, we understand the challenges of balancing the costs of education with the need for a competitive, public education that benefits and prepares all our students for the future. Please examine this *Budget Issue of Tidings* carefully, attend the Public Hearing on May 8th at the Administration Building, and remember to vote on May 15th. New this year on the ballot—for voter approval—is a change to the Transportation Policy (see details on page 6) that will be at **NO EXTRA COST** to the taxpayer.

Sincerely,

YOUR BOARD OF EDUCATION:

Raymond J. Nelson, **PRESIDENT**, John Verdone **VICE PRESIDENT**

TRUSTEES: Thomas Cooley, Norman de Venau, Maureen Dolan, Keith Kolar, and Deborah Van Essendelft



2012-2013 ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET

2012-2013 PROGRAM BUDGET

	<i>Current 2011-2012</i>	<i>Proposed 2012-2013</i>	<i>Budget change</i>		<i>Current 2011-2012</i>	<i>Proposed 2012-2013</i>	<i>Budget change</i>
Board of Education	\$23,721	\$23,695	(\$26)	LEGAL SERVICES TOTAL	\$188,300	\$181,900	(\$6,400)
District Clerk	10,040	10,421	381	Inservice Training	70,650	88,000	17,350
District Meetings	28,069	25,856	(2,213)	Teaching-Day School	1,820,464	1,906,694	86,230
Superintendent's Office	313,108	318,229	5,121	General Instruction, K-5	6,697,408	6,532,017	(165,391)
Business Office	866,687	889,814	23,127	General Instruction, 6	1,072,217	1,193,358	121,141
Auditing Services	82,732	82,700	(32)	Language Arts-English, 7-12	1,537,241	1,701,433	164,192
Treasurer	10,135	10,135	0	Mathematics, 7-12	1,529,300	1,570,042	40,742
Admin Fees for Debt Service	2,500	2,500	0	Science, 7-12	2,039,210	2,108,006	68,796
Legal Services	53,680	60,000	6,320	Social Studies, 7-12	1,599,511	1,677,339	77,828
Personnel Office	305,458	313,079	7,621	Business Education, 6-12	108,062	112,391	4,329
Records Management	34,117	34,895	778	Technology Education, 6-12	792,437	820,824	28,387
Public Information	90,465	96,600	6,135	Home & Career Skills, 6-12	234,989	240,896	5,907
Printing Office	220,134	229,863	9,729	Health, 6-12	338,054	344,775	6,721
General Insurance	382,100	397,544	15,444	Alternative School, 10-12	108,860	111,027	2,167
School Association Dues	23,040	23,125	85	Schoolwide Instruction, 6-12	99,959	99,959	0
MTA Payroll Tax	139,559	0 (139,559)		General Instruction, K-12	10,000	10,000	0
BOCES Services Admin	255,054	260,155	5,101	Music, K-12	1,434,696	1,503,454	68,758
BOCES Rental Costs	156,860	159,900	3,040	Art, K-12	903,435	915,937	12,502
Curriculum Office	264,724	272,249	7,525	Physical Education, K-12	1,155,111	1,201,915	46,804
Pupil Services Office	72,851	73,118	267	Foreign Language, 6-12	1,177,515	1,267,733	90,218
Special Education Office	457,512	476,117	18,605	Gifted & Talented, 4-12	113,531	117,181	3,650
Principals' Offices	2,446,348	2,443,263	(3,085)	Handicapped Pupils, K-12	8,387,238	8,719,655	332,417
Plant Operation & Custodial	97,500	95,000	(2,500)	Speech Instruction, K-12	674,107	721,355	47,248
District Transportation Service	0	0	0	Non-English Speaking, K-12	550	74,258	73,708
Computer Instruction K-12	156,922	163,624	6,702	Corrective Reading, K-12	857,250	786,178	(71,072)
Adult Ed	72,772	73,039	267	Occupational Education, 11-12	696,000	723,840	27,840
Summer School	12,332	12,309	(23)	Instructional Materials AV	238,336	232,147	(6,189)
Admin Benefits/Contractual Total	2,120,639	2,205,904	85,265	Library	709,493	687,190	(22,303)

ADMINISTRATIVE TOTALS \$8,699,059 \$8,753,134 \$54,075

2012-2013 CAPITAL BUDGET

	<i>Current 2011-2012</i>	<i>Proposed 2012-2013</i>	<i>Budget change</i>		<i>Current 2011-2012</i>	<i>Proposed 2012-2013</i>	<i>Budget change</i>
Plant Operation & Custodial	\$5,118,790	\$5,032,209	(\$86,581)	Computer Instruction, K-12	1,824,033	2,044,501	220,468
Plant Maintenance & Grounds	1,599,160	1,675,108	75,948	Attendance, K-12	162,888	163,525	637
Plant Maintenance Old JHS	13,900	14,200	300	Guidance, 6-12	839,944	865,153	25,209
Judgements and Claims	5,000	5,000	0	Health Services, K-12	495,766	551,918	56,152
Capital Benefits Total	1,817,662	1,897,482	79,820	Diagnostic Screening, K-12	14,760	14,760	0
Library Bonds	1,038,313	1,044,625	6,312	Psychological Services, K-12	551,937	609,102	57,165
Bonds School Construction	4,093,841	4,056,984	(36,857)	Social Work Services, K-12	427,088	486,937	59,849
Bonds School Constr - EPC	0	633,114	633,114	Co-Curricular Activities	334,175	408,651	74,476
Bond Anticipation Notes	0	0	0	Interscholastic Athletics	958,420	977,776	19,356
Tax Anticipation Notes	320,000	320,000	0	Intra-murals	11,000	11,000	0
Transfer to Special Aid Fund	150,000	150,000	0	Teaching-Adult Ed.	88,796	69,840	(18,956)
Transfer to Capital Fund	0	500,000	500,000	Teaching- Summer School	61,549	67,450	5,901
				District Transportation Service	72,596	76,803	4,207
				Contract Transportation	3,185,223	3,321,521	136,298
				Public Transportation	2,300	2,300	0
				BOCES Transportation Service	14,280	14,280	0
				Community Recreation (Pool)	114,101	114,237	136
				Program benefits Total	15,170,895	16,143,847	972,952

CAPITAL TOTALS \$14,156,666 \$15,328,722 \$1,172,056

PROGRAM TOTALS \$58,923,675 \$61,593,105 \$2,669,430

PROPOSED 2012-2013 BUDGET: \$85,674,961

THE 2012-2013 PROPOSED BUDGET SUMMARY

PERCENT INCREASE IN SCHOOL TAX RATE: 2.33%

WHICH IS significantly *UNDER* THE CALCULATED 2% TAX LEVY CAP

THREE-PART BUDGET	<i>ADOPTED BUDGET 2011-2012</i>	<i>PROPOSED BUDGET 2012-2013</i>	<i>INCREASE/ (DECREASE)</i>
ADMINISTRATION BUDGET	\$8,699,059	\$8,753,134	\$54,075
CAPITAL BUDGET	14,156,666	15,328,722	1,172,056
PROGRAM BUDGET	58,923,675	61,593,105	2,669,430
TOTAL SCHOOL BUDGET	\$81,779,400	\$85,674,961	\$3,895,561

PERCENT INCREASE IN SCHOOL BUDGET: 4.76%

BUDGET REVENUES	<i>ADOPTED BUDGET 2011-2012</i>	<i>PROPOSED BUDGET 2012-2013</i>	<i>INCREASE/ (DECREASE)</i>
STATE AID	\$21,381,197	\$22,867,286	\$1,486,089
OTHER INCOME	2,410,358	2,435,026	24,668
INVESTMENT INCOME	95,000	50,000	(45,000)
APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	3,072,125	4,225,438	1,153,313
PROPERTY TAX LEVY	54,820,720	56,097,211	1,276,491
TOTAL REVENUE	\$81,779,400	\$85,674,961	\$3,895,561

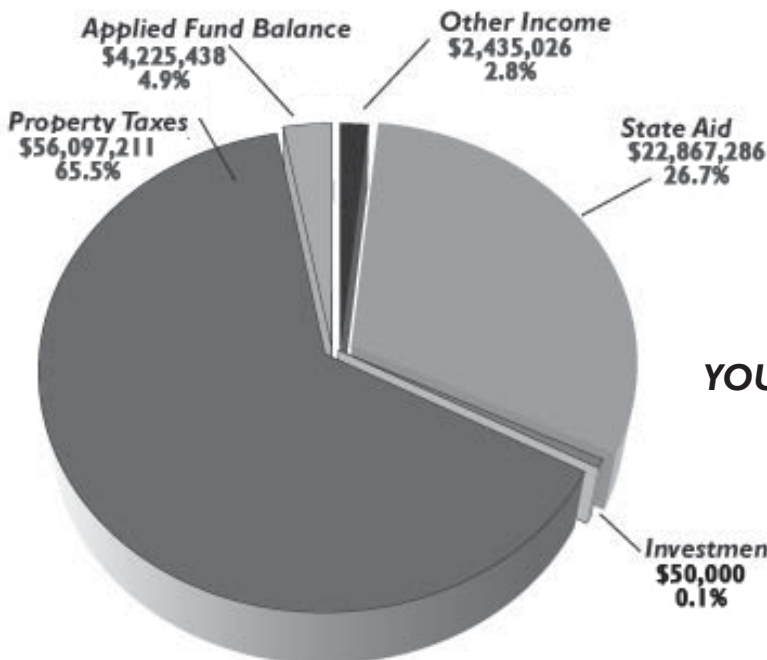
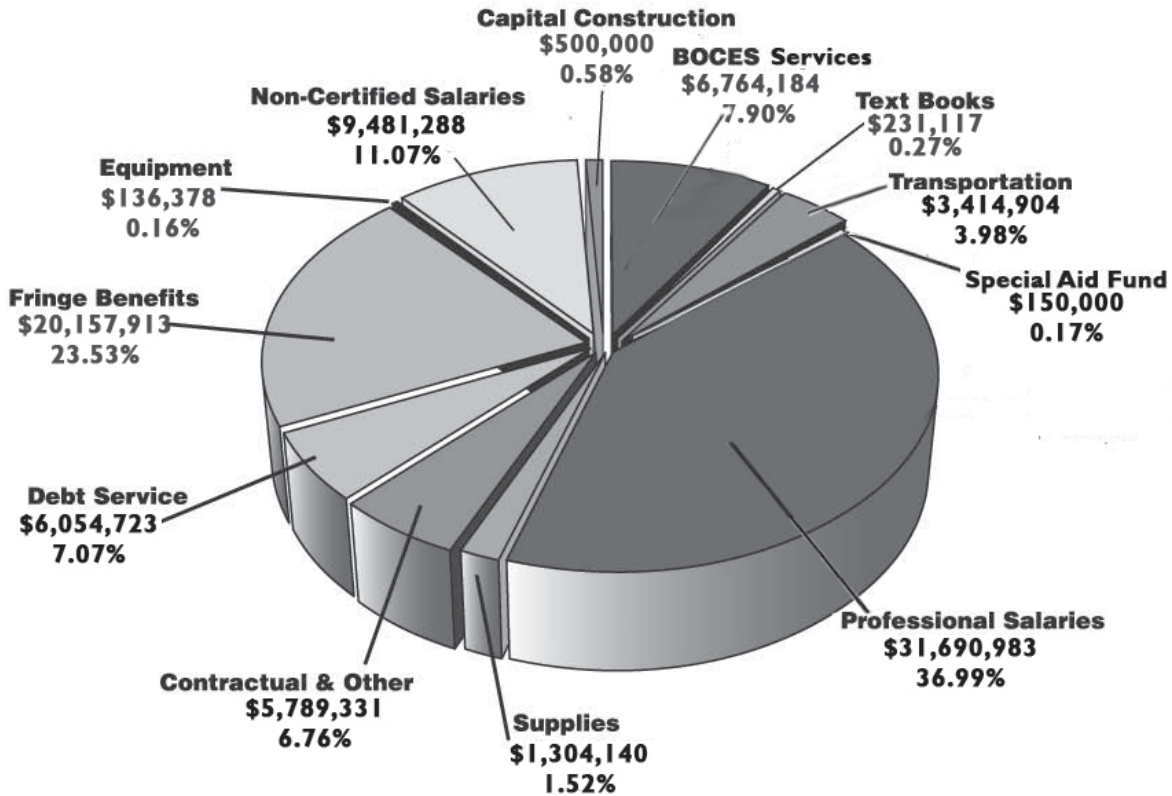
ESTIMATED SCHOOL TAX RATE

**ESTIMATED TAX RATE-HOMESTEAD
(PER \$100 OF ASSESSED VALUE)**

<i>ADOPTED BUDGET 2011-2012</i>	<i>PROPOSED BUDGET 2012-2013</i>	<i>INCREASE/ (DECREASE)</i>
17.32	17.723	0.40

2012-2013 PROPOSED BUDGET EXPENDITURES & REVENUES

YOUR TAX DOLLAR Expenditures



The two Pie Charts (above and below) show the breakdown of the 2012-2013 Proposed Budget's Expenditures and Revenues.

YOUR TAX DOLLAR Revenues

IF THE PROPOSED BUDGET FAILS...

“Will my taxes be lower on a Contingency Budget if the Proposed Budget isn’t approved?”

NO. If the Proposed Budget with a 2.33% Tax-Rate increase does not pass, the calculated Contingency Budget will result in a higher Contingency Tax Rate. This is because the Contingency Budget uses **LESS** fund balance revenues to bring down the Tax-Rate increase.

NEW STATE RULES REGARDING THE CONTINGENCY BUDGET

Under the new Tax Levy Cap Law, effective in the 2012-2013 school year, certain Contingency Budget Rules still apply while others have changed.

- **UNCHANGED**—Calculating the “Administrative Cap” remains the same as does the school board’s options should the budget fail on the first vote: The school board may decide to:
 - put up the same budget for revote; • put up a revised budget for revote; • or adopt a Contingency Budget that will result in a higher tax rate since it uses less fund balance revenues.
- **CHANGED**—Under the new law, total “Spending Cap” calculations are not required, but spending limits are divided into two parts:

PART I: The most drastic change affects budgets that fail twice. The School District must adopt a Contingency Budget with a ZERO percent increase on the current tax levy.

For example: The 2012-2013 Proposed Tax Levy is **\$56,097,211**
The 2011-2012 Tax Levy is **— \$54,820,720**

The difference between the two is over \$1.2 million that Sayville would have to cut from the Budget to achieve a Zero percent increase. **\$ 1,276,491**

PART II: Administrative Caps are determined by taking the ratio between the Administrative and Program Budgets, plus determining the Administrative Cap with the least percentage increase (See chart below). Note that our Administrative Expenses have again DECREASED for 2012-2013.

To Achieve 0% Increase What Would Be Cut?

Non-contingent Items

ADMINISTRATIVE Budget –\$ 95,000

- Staffing, nonessential supplies, equipment, travel, etc.

PROGRAM Budget..... –\$681,491

- Staffing, student supplies, new equipment, athletics, cocurricular, summer school, increased class size, etc.

CAPITAL Budget –\$500,000

- NO Community-Use of Buildings and Grounds (unless paid), staffing reductions, capital projects, etc.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET CAPS

ACTUAL 2011-2012	PROPOSED 2012-13	CONTINGENT BUDGET
14.76%	14.21%	14.21%

CONTINGENCY BUDGET CONTAINS

1. Various expenditures that are:
 - legal,
 - specifically authorized by mandates or statutes, and that
 - maintain educational programs, preserve property, & maintain the health & safety of students & staff;
2. Reductions in Noncontingent Items: Nonessential supplies, equipment, travel
3. Reductions in Program Budget: staffing, student supplies, new equipment, athletics, cocurricular, summer school;
4. Increased class size;
5. Restrictions for Community use of Buildings & Grounds.

Proposed Change to Transportation Policy



Current	Proposed
• K-2 ½ mile	• K-5 ½ mile
• 3-5 1 mile	• 6-12 1 ½ mile
• 6-12 1 ½ mile	

TRANSPORTATION POLICY

At the request of many parents, the District's Transportation Policy Proposed Change is included this year on the ballot. This change allows those elementary students in grades K-5 who live beyond ½ mile of the school to receive busing.

The current policy cut off the busing allowance for students in 3rd through 5th grade who lived within one mile.

The new policy, which **consolidates** the mileage for the elementary schools, will be **at NO EXTRA COST to the taxpayers.**

The District **must receive voter approval** on the Referendum (see below, right) for this policy change to take effect.

Reasons for Change

Parents who have elementary students know the challenges of the current policy.

- Splitting the transportation allowance between the younger and older grades meant that parents had to drive all their children to the school, even if the younger ones were entitled to a bus.
- As a result, buses were under-utilized by those entitled students, and the district was not using this resource to its fullest potential.

Transportation-Department Study Launched

The Sayville Council of PTA assisted Sayville School District in forming a committee comprised of parents, District Administrators, and community members who would explore busing options.

Using this committee's focus and the expertise of District Administrators, the following solution was recommended:

- With the current number of buses (18), Sayville can unify K-5 transportation at ½ mile with no extra cost to the taxpayer;
- The under-utilized buses would now have 231 entitled riders (55 for Cherry, 120 for Lincoln, and 56 for Sunrise);
- All ten elementary routes would have over 50 riders (legal bus capacity is 66) with only a slight increase in travel time.

As a result of these recommendations, the committee ultimately determined the following policy change and has asked the Sayville Board of Education and District Administrators to submit the revised Transportation Referendum for voter approval:

TO UNIFY the K-5 transportation distance to the least distance *without additional cost TO THE TAXPAYER.*

IMPORTANT FACT

The Middle School determines the need for the current number of buses in the District's transportation contract.

If this proposed Transportation Referendum failed to win voter approval, the District would **NOT** be saving money. Instead,

- Buses would **NOT** be eliminated, and
- Elementary buses would remain under-utilized.

NOTE

In the past, Busing Referendums failed due to a "price tag" associated with the change.

However, there is **NO ADDITIONAL COST CHANGE** with this new Busing Referendum.

TRANSPORTATION REFERENDUM

•RESOLVED, that the Sayville Union Free School District, Suffolk County, New York, be authorized effective, with the 2012 – 2013 school year to provide for the following mileage limitation for the purpose of transportation: one-half mile for students in grades K-5; and one and one-half miles for students in grades 6 – 12, (in lieu of the present limits of one-half mile for students in grades K-2; one mile for students in grades 3 – 5; and one and one-half miles for students in grades 6 – 12), **at no additional cost** to the Sayville Union Free School District, and **no additional tax increase.**

ALSO ON THE BALLOT

SAYVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Budget: Tax Levy	Estimated Homestead Tax RATE PER \$100
2012-2013 • \$55,124	2012-2013 • \$0.017
2011-2012 • \$55,012	2011-2012 • \$0.017

SAYVILLE LIBRARY

Budget: Tax Levy	Estimated Homestead Tax RATE PER \$100
2012-2013 • \$3,583,287	2012-2013 • \$1.1321
2011-2012 • \$3,503,400	2011-2012 • \$1.1068

(All Tax Rates are expressed per \$100 of Assessed Valuation.)

PUBLIC NOTICE REGARDING REGISTER INSPECTION

Any person shall be entitled to have his/her name placed upon the register of the School District, provided that at the time he/she is known or proven to the satisfaction of the District Clerk to be then or thereafter entitled to vote at said Annual School District Meeting to be held on May 15, 2012. Said Register will be filed in the Office of the School District Clerk, 99 Greeley Avenue, Sayville, New York, and will be open for inspection on each of the five days prior to and the day set for the meeting or election, (except Sunday, and on Saturday by appointment only, by calling 244-6510) between the hours of 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

CANDIDATES FOR... BOARD OF EDUCATION TRUSTEES Seats (3-year Term)

RAYMOND J. NELSON	LAURA VALENTE
KEITH KOLAR	UNOPPOSED
JOHN VERDONE	UNOPPOSED

LIBRARY TRUSTEES Seats (5-year Term)

DEBRA I. MITCHELL*	UNOPPOSED
*Incumbent fulfilling the 4-year, 46-day term, ending June 30, 2016	
JOSEPH LOUGHREN	NANDINI CHARLES

The 2012-2013
Proposed Spending Plan
of \$85,674,961 represents
a 4.76% increase over the
current school year
and a projected
tax-rate increase of 2.33%
that is significantly
UNDER
the calculated
2% Tax Cap Levy.

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Postal Customer

SUMMARY OF THE 2012-2013

PROPOSED BUDGET

This fiscally responsible spending plan is a complete budget package that:

- Maintains existing instructional and support programs,
- Has brought the Proposed Tax-Rate increase down from 4.77 to 2.33%,
- Continues to provide our students with educational opportunities and challenges that will help them succeed.

CHANGES TO THE TRANSPORTATION POLICY

The Proposed Budget reflects a Referendum on the revised Board of Education (see details on page 6.) transportation policy for elementary students.

Students in the following grades, as indicated, are eligible to receive transportation.

GRADE	DISTANCE
K-5	Beyond 1/2 mile
6-12	Beyond 1 1/2 miles

No transportation is provided for students traveling to any school beyond 15 miles.

VOTE!

MAY 15TH

**SAYVILLE HIGH SCHOOL
7 A.M. - 9 P.M.**

PUBLIC HEARING

on the 2012-2013
Proposed School Budget

7:30

**Tuesday, May 8th
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING**

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

TO BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE ON

TUESDAY, MAY 15TH

ONE MUST MEET THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:

1. Be a U.S. citizen.
2. Be 18 years of age or older.
3. Be a resident of the Sayville School District for at least 30 days prior to the voting date.
4. Be registered to vote in the Sayville School District.

NOTE: General election registration qualifies residents.

REGISTRATION

Registration for new residents, residents who have moved within the district, and residents who have not voted in a Sayville School District election since January 1st, 2008 can register either:

1. Until Thursday, May 10th, 2012 at the Administration Building on 99 Greeley Avenue, Sayville, NY, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

OR DURING

2. On Tuesday, May 8th for Evening Registration which is between the hours of 4:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. at the Administration Building on 99 Greeley Avenue, Sayville, NY