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EAST HAMPTON TOWN ENFORCEMENT TEAM PARTNERS WITH STATE LIQUOR AUTHORITY FOR CONTINUED WEEKEND SAFETY, CODE COMPLIANCE CHECKS AT MONTAUK BUSINESSES

Few Issues Found on Recent Visits to 10 Restaurant/Bars

An East Hampton Town police officer and a town fire marshal, teamed with a State Liquor Authority inspector, visited Montauk establishments over the weekend and found virtually all of them operating in compliance with state and local codes as well as state-mandated COVID-19 safety requirements.

No violations were observed at the Crow's Nest, Grey Lady, Swallow, Memory Motel, The Point, and TT's.

In addition, all was in order, with no violations observed, at Rick's Crabby Cowboy Café and at Nick's on the Beach. The principals of both had been charged with misdemeanor violations related to alleged violations of State Liquor Authority signage and alcohol storage laws over the Fourth of July weekend.

Ruschmeyer's, which was also cited on the July Fourth weekend for SLA signage and alcohol storage compliance issues, was written up on the return visit this past weekend for playing amplified music after 9 p.m., and for the use of "sparkler-style devices." However, COVID safety restrictions were being adhered to, the inspectors found.

COVID safety was also being followed at Best Pizza on the Napeague stretch, though "minimal violations" were noted during a full State Liquor Authority inspection there, according to police.

Overall, the East Hampton Town Police responded to 304 events over the weekend, including 32 noise complaints stemming from residential properties, and two from commercial properties; 7 complaints about compliance with COVID-19 safety rules; and 13 motor vehicle accidents. The five arrests that were reported include an arrest for criminal contempt/ harassment related to a domestic dispute; a charge of aggravated unlicensed driving; a driving while intoxicated charge, and an arrest on charges of felony rape of a minor and related charges.

East Hampton Town Supervisor Peter Van Scoyoc has promised “firm and decisive action” against businesses that violate Governor Cuomo’s public health orders.

“I am pleased to see businesses taking advantage of the summer season while maintaining the safety protocols that are so important to prevent further spread of COVID-19,” Supervisor Van Scoyoc said. “Continued cooperation by all of our business owners will not only protect public health but will help us avoid further business shutdowns, and allow our economy to remain open.”