

LETTERS

Toll fines will cost the local economy \$

I am a Canadian living in Mississauga. My family and I like to take the occasional afternoon drives over the border. We have been doing this for many years. We usually shop and have lately stopped on Grand Island to find hidden spots for lunch or dinner. Last time over, when we crossed the bridge, there were no toll booths. I remember thinking to myself that it's kind of nice they are gone; no more \$1 dollar tolls. I am sure there were signs, but when you are used to the same routine, I do not recall seeing any.

Several months later, I got a bill for \$1 in the mail. I went online and paid it right away. The next month I got another bill for \$1 again saying I had not paid. I went online and to my surprise it said I owed \$50 for a late charge and \$1 for the toll. I called the 1-800 number. After waiting for 45 minutes on hold, I finally talked to an operator. Immediately she knew what I was calling for and said that if I paid \$8 immediately, she would cancel the charge. I paid the \$8. Today I got in the mail the notice that I am in default of the \$51 and they are going to a collection agent. I assume my \$8 payment and the confirmation from the agent that it is not a closed matter is correct ... I hope.

I am not a New York resident and I am not a taxpayer of New York. That being said, I get that tolls are necessary. I also get that eliminating the toll booths enhances the revenue for the state.

The way that this was handled was heavy handed, cold and feels calculated to me. The border will open again after the great pandemic. We plan on visiting, shopping and staying overnight again. That being said, this is not a store or a restaurant that we are disgruntled with, it is the State of New York.

There are a lot of Canadians getting \$1 notices with \$50 fines that are choosing not to go back to New York to avoid the fine. It certainly is your choice to continue to enforce this fine. I get that. Cannot you find a better solution for people going through the area on an occasional basis? Your \$50 is fine is going to cost the local economy much more in lost business. All this for a \$1 toll.

Sincerely,
Ed Forbes
Mississauga, Ontario

Erie County Sheriff's Office

Pair arrested at hotel with drugs and a child

Erie County Sheriff Timothy B. Howard reports the arrests of 36-year-old Jason Herb of the City of Tonawanda and 27-year-old Stephanie Sayles of Depew following a complaint filed by employees of a Grand Island hotel.

On May 14, deputies responded to a hotel on Whitehaven Road at approximately 6:20 a.m. for a disturbance call. Hotel staff heard yelling coming from a room, then they observed a

female exit the room, at which time the female asked the staff to watch the minor accompanying her.

According to the Erie County Sheriff's Office, deputies approached the room and heard screaming coming from inside and entered. While inside the room, deputies spoke to Herb and Sayles. While displaying his identification, several paper tabs were discovered in his wallet; Herb identified the tabs as LSD.

Deputies also discovered a plastic envelope containing methamphetamine.

The subjects were charged with felony counts of criminal possession of meth with intent to sell, and misdemeanor counts of criminal possession of a controlled substance, and endangering the welfare of a child. The

defendants were released on appearance tickets following processing at the Grand Island Substation. Herb was notified of an outstanding New York State Police warrant; State Police choose not to extradite.

The minor was turned over to a relative.

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LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF SPECIAL
MEETING AND PUBLIC
HEARINGS MAY 28,
2020 BEGINNING AT
7:00 PM

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Town Board of the Town of Grand Island will hold public hearings on the matters set forth below on May 28, 2020, beginning at 7:00 p.m. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and Executive Order 202.1, as extended by Executive Orders 202.14 and 202.28, and Executive Order 202.15, the public hearings will be held remotely via ZOOM with a telephone dial-in component. The ZOOM public meeting at which the public hearings will be conducted will be accessible either with a computer, smartphone, or tablet with internet connection at the following link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82367177834?pwd=VINGejZQVYxWnROTlhOVVEvUGM4Zz09> The ZOOM meeting ID number is 823 6717 7834; the password is 018294. This link will be available in hyperlink version on the Town's website at <http://www.grand-island.ny.us/> so that the meeting may be joined with a simple click. Alternatively, the meeting may be joined by telephone by dialing 646-558-8656 and by entering the passcode 82367177834 when prompted. The Town Board will immediately begin accepting written public comments on the below matters by e-mail at publiccomments@grand-island.ny.us, by fax at 716-773-9618, and by U.S. mail to the Town Clerk at 2255 Baseline Road, Grand Island, NY 14072. Written public comments shall be accepted through to and including June 2, 2020. The Town Board asks residents who wish to speak on any or all of the below matters to please let us know in advance by e-mail to publiccomments@grand-island.ny.us and by identifying the matter or matters on which you would like to speak. Public hearings will be held for the following matters in numerical order:

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing regarding Local Law Intro #1 of 2020 will be held by the Town Board as set forth above, for a change to the zoning classification for property at: SBL #:23.00-3-15, 2570 Grand Island Boulevard, Grand Island, NY 14072 from NBD to CR.
2. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing regarding Local Law Intro #2 of 2020 will be held by the Town Board as set forth above, for a change to the zoning classification for property at: SBL #:36.00-1-15, Grand Island Boulevard, Grand Island, NY 14072 from NBD to CR.
3. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board will hold a Public Hearing regarding Local Law Intro #3 of 2020, as set forth above, for a change to the zoning classification for property at: SBL #:23.00-3-6.11, 410 Lang Boulevard, Grand Island, NY 14072 from M-1 to CR.
4. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board will hold a Public Hearing, as set forth above, to consider and possibly adopt Local Law Intro #5 of 2020, a local law creating up to two alternate positions to the Historic Preservation Advisory Board.
5. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board will hold a public hearing, as set forth above, for the purposes of considering and possibly adopting Local Law Intro #6 of 2020, a local law amending Chapter 407 of the Town Code of the Town of Grand Island to modify incentive zoning provisions.
6. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing regarding Local Law Intro #7 of 2020 will be held by the Town Board, as set forth above, for a change to the zoning classification for property at: SBL #:51.00-1-1.1, Love Road from CR to M1.
7. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing regarding Local Law Intro #8 of 2020 will be held by the Town Board, as set forth above, for a change to the zoning classification for property at: SBL #:51.10-1-42, Glen Avon from R-1B to M1.
8. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing regarding Local Law Intro #9 of 2020 will be held by the Town Board, as set forth above, for a change to the zoning classification for property at: SBL #:64.15-1-23, 1437 Ferry Road from B2 to R-1E.
9. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing regarding Local Law Intro #11 of 2019 will be held by the Town Board, as set forth above, for a change to the zoning classification for property at: SBL #:36.00-2-8.1, Alvin Road, Grand Island, NY 14072 from B-1/R-1A to B-1.
10. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing regarding Local Law Intro #12 of 2019 will be held by the Town Board, as set forth above, for a change to the zoning classification for property at: SBL #:36.00-2-7, 2356 Whitehaven Road, Grand Island, NY 14072 from R-1A/B-1 to R-1A. Copies of the proposed local laws are available on the Town's website: <http://www.grandisland.ny.us/> Residents who do not wish to speak at the public hearings, but wish to watch the proceedings, may do so on the Town's YouTube channel, accessible by link on the Town's website.

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