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Save the Date: Peconic Landing to Host Community Giveback Celebration Featuring The John May Mile & 5K

GREENPORT, N.Y., August 6, 2021 — Peconic Landing will host a Community Giveback Celebration to benefit the Greenport Fire Department on Sunday, September 12th. The event features the 15th Annual John May Mile & 5K Race in addition to a vendor marketplace which will showcase local vendors, artisans, farmers, food trucks, a classic car exhibit, live music and more.

The John May Mile & 5K fundraiser is open to runners and walkers of all ages and fitness abilities, offering both a relaxed mile-long walk and a more challenging 3.1-mile run. Registration and stretching begin at 8 a.m. at the entrance to the Community Center with the race and walk to start at 9 a.m. Those who wish to participate virtually may upload their race times between September 12 and 19. Live and virtual runners may register at www.peconiclanding.org/giveback.

The vendor marketplace, open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., will provide an opportunity for the greater community to support the Greenport Fire Department for their efforts during this past unprecedented year. All vendor registration fees will also go directly to the Greenport Fire Department.

Since inception in 2005, the annual John May Mile & 5K has raised more than \$281,700 to support the local first responders. The most recent event in 2019 contributed a total of \$21,200, helping to purchase and maintain rescue equipment vital to keeping fire department volunteers safe during response efforts.

"The generous donations from this annual event go a long way towards rescue equipment, firefighting equipment, and even EMS training courses. In recent years, we have used the funds to purchase a life-saving Lucas CPR device and an off-road Gator vehicle for accessing crowded areas where other emergency vehicles can't go," said Chief Wayde Manwaring of the Greenport Fire Department. "These purchases truly make a difference when someone is in need. We are so grateful for the continued support from Peconic Landing and the East End community."

Following the race will be an awards ceremony at 10:30 a.m. on the back lawn of Brecknock Hall. As part of this ceremony, Peconic Landing will present the Older Americans Champion Award to Senator Anthony Palumbo of New York State Senate District 1. The annual award honors local individuals or organizations for their years of service and continued dedication to older Americans, acknowledging the contributions they make to improve the lives of seniors on the East End.

In early February of this year, Senator Palumbo assisted Peconic Landing in securing over 650 COVID-19 vaccinations for the East End community, with at least 400 administered to those over the age of 65. The vaccine pod, hosted in partnership with Stony Brook Medicine, took place during a time when availability on the East End was limited, and local seniors were traveling long distances to find appointments.

“Senator Palumbo’s support was absolutely crucial in bringing safety and peace of mind to our members and to the greater East End community,” said Robert J. Syron, President and CEO of Peconic Landing. “There is no one more deserving of this honor, and on behalf of the entire Peconic Landing family, we thank Senator Palumbo for his truly life-saving efforts.”

The race and walk are held in recognition of John M. May of Southold, Peconic Landing’s longtime board chairman, for his many contributions made to the Peconic Landing community and beyond. He served as Chair of the Board of Trustees for more than a decade, working to help the not-for-profit provide a vibrant lifestyle and quality care for all of its members. Mr. May played a vital role in bringing the retirement community to Greenport, with a goal of creating a community hub that benefits all residents of the North Fork.

To register as a runner or vendor, please visit www.peconiclanding.org/giveback. An early bird discount for vendor registration is available until August 15th.

- 5K Race Entry Fee: \$25.00 per adult, \$15.00 for students
- John May Mile Entry Fee: \$10 per adult, \$5 for 14 & under or 55 & better

Times/Review Media Group has signed on as Media Sponsor for the event. Those interested in sponsoring the event or donating a raffle prize are asked to contact DRadigan@peconiclanding.org. All proceeds benefit the Greenport Fire Department. We appreciate your support!

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Peconic Landing is a nationally recognized, equity-based Continuing Care Retirement Community overlooking the breathtaking Long Island Sound. Located on the North Fork of a half-mile of private Sound Beach, the organization works on a mission of being the retirement community of choice for individuals age 62 and better by encouraging our members to enjoy a vibrant lifestyle and presenting ample opportunity for members to pursue their interests and passions to the fullest. For more information on Peconic Landing, please visit www.peconiclanding.org.