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## SUFFOLK COUNTY EXECUTIVE BELLONE ANNOUNCES RETURN OF REGIONAL BIKE SHARE WITH NEW LOCATIONS AND NEW MOBILE APP

### *Bethpage Ride returns to Suffolk County and includes new locations in Amityville Village*

Suffolk County Executive Steve Bellone, Pedal Share and Bethpage Federal Credit Union today relaunched Suffolk County's regional Bike Share program, Bethpage Ride. Bethpage Ride is once again available in several downtown communities and parks across Suffolk County. The program is locally operated by Southampton-based Pedal Share.

County Executive Bellone also announced the expansion of the bike share program to new municipalities in Suffolk County this year, including the Village of Amityville, and new locations in the Town of Southampton and Huntington.

"We're thrilled to see Bethpage Ride continue to grow its user base each year," **said Suffolk County Executive Bellone.** "With a new app launched, and more stations available, Suffolk County's partnership with Pedal Share and Bethpage Federal Credit Union continues to deliver a successful regional bike share program."

"We are so pleased to partner with Suffolk County and Pedal Share to help bring Bethpage Ride back into so many Long Island communities," **said Linda Armyn, Senior Vice President, Bethpage Federal Credit Union.** "We look forward to seeing everyone enjoying the bikes once again."

"On behalf of the Village of Amityville, I am so happy to welcome Suffolk's regional bike share program to our community. This environmentally-friendly initiative will add to the exciting revitalization happening in our downtown," **said Amityville Mayor Dennis Siry.**

### **Bike Stations can be found at the following locations:**

#### **Babylon Village**

Argyle Park  
Totten Place  
Long Island Rail Road Station  
Park Ave  
Village Pool  
Locust Ave Park

#### **Patchogue**

Blue Point Brewery  
Long Island Rail Road Station  
Davis Park Ferry  
Roe Walkway  
Mascot Dock  
Patchogue Theatre

**Huntington**

Mill Dam Park  
Gerard St Parking Lot  
New St. Parking Lot  
Heckscher Park

**Lindenhurst**

Firemans Park  
Gazebo  
Long Island Rail Road Station

**Town of Babylon**

Gilgo Beach  
Cedar Beach Marina

**Hampton Bays**

Good Ground Park  
Post Office  
Ponquogue Beach  
Tiana Beach

**Riverhead**

Veterans Memorial Park  
Long Island Rail Road Station  
River and Roots Garden  
Peconic Riverfront  
Town Hall

**Southampton Village**

Agawam Park  
Coopers Beach  
Gin Lane Beach  
Long Island Rail Road Station  
Town Hall

**Southampton Town**

Long Beach  
Ocean Road, Bridgehampton  
Sagg Main Beach  
Municipal Lot, Bridgehampton

**New Locations Include:****Amityville**

Amityville Beach  
Bennett Place and Merrick Rd.  
Long Island Rail Road Station  
9/11 Parking Lot  
Amityville Library  
South Ketcham Avenue

**Huntington**

Paul H. Johnson Gateway Plaza

**Southampton Town**

Bridgehampton LIRR Station

Users will have the ability to download the app on their smartphone and will either be able to pay per ride or buy a membership. Riders have several different rental options with Bethpage Ride. Riders can pay \$4 per hour, but can also opt for a daily rate of \$35 or a yearly plan for \$59. This yearly plan allows for unlimited trips of up to one hour. In order to participate in Bethpage Ride, users must be 18 years older.

The Regional Bike-Share program complements County Executive Bellone's Connect Long Island Plan – a regional transportation and development initiative that promotes sustainable long-term economic growth in Suffolk County. The plan calls for development around transit nodes, investment in enhancements to existing mass transit infrastructure, and implementation of new rapid transit systems to create a robust transit network that connect regional assets and downtowns.

### **About Bethpage Federal Credit Union**

Bethpage Federal Credit Union is a premier community financial institution committed to enriching the lives of its members, employees and the communities it serves for the past 80 years. Bethpage is the largest credit union in the Northeast Region, and the 14th largest in the nation.

As a not-for-profit credit union, Bethpage is committed to its members and the communities it serves. In addition to giving back to its members in the form of great rates and low fees, the Bethpage Cares program invests heavily in local, high-impact community programs that serve with an eye towards creating better communities through diversity, equity, inclusion and belonging.

Named a Forbes Best Place to Bank in New York, the fifth Best Company to Work for in New York State by the New York State Society for Human Resources Management and a Glass Door Top Place to work for Small & Midsize companies in the US, Bethpage is a federally chartered credit union, available to people nationwide who open a \$5 dollar membership account. Bethpage offers a robust digital platform that allows members to bank from anywhere. Bethpage is a part of the national CO-OP network that gives members access to their accounts at over 30,000 free ATMs and 5,000+ shared branches across the U.S. As a financial cooperative, Bethpage offers the best-in market rates, lowest fees and world-class service, plus a full menu of personal and commercial financial services. For more information on Bethpage's robust portfolio of banking, borrowing, and investment services, visit [www.lovebethpage.com](http://www.lovebethpage.com) or call 1-800- 628-7070.

### **About PedalShare**

After launching in July of 2018 in Southampton Village, PedalShare Inc., became Suffolk County's first public bike share program. Expanding in 2022 to Amityville, we have been working to connect local communities through biking. We provide a clean alternative transportation solution for residents and visitors throughout the County. PedalShare, an app based bike rental program, currently has over 3,900 users riding 200 bikes at nearly 60 locations throughout the County. The system uses a rear App-Based Bluetooth locking mechanism which locks the back wheel of the bike when not in rental. While the bikes are considered "dockless" we have included geo-fenced racks as a means to keep the bikes from being littered around town and keep the area clean and organized. Bikes must be returned to a PedalShare station to complete your rental.

Locally owned and operated we have a unique understanding of the needs of Suffolk residents and we are focused on safe riding practices, providing a quality program, and working with municipalities to alleviate the hassles of typical larger programs. We are excited to work with Suffolk County and Bethpage Federal Credit Union to achieve these goals.

The app is available for both iPhone and Android. Follow us on Facebook and Instagram @pedalshare or visit us on the web at [www.ridepedalshare.com](http://www.ridepedalshare.com).

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