

## **Thiele Submits Gasoline Price Survey to State Attorney General for July 25** *Prices remain steady in Southampton and East Hampton as prices continue upward islandwide and statewide; Amagansett and Montauk 30 cents above the island average*

New York State Assemblyman Fred Thiele (I, D, WF-Sag Harbor) has provided the State Attorney General (AG) with the latest survey of gasoline prices on the South Fork as compared with other locations in New York State. AAA provides for a regional survey on New York State gasoline prices. However, there is no survey solely for the South Fork. Thiele is providing the State AG with information on the price most prevalent on Montauk Highway, the main thoroughfare for the South Fork. There may be prices that are higher or lower in the region, but the survey will reflect the price posted at most stations on our region's main arterial. Thiele has also added Amagansett and Montauk to the survey, where prices have been much higher.

Thiele had first contacted the State Attorney General after Memorial Day weekend when South Fork gas prices remained high at \$4.25 cents per gallon on the South Fork when the Long Island average was \$4.08 and the New York State average was \$4.02.

Thiele has sponsored legislation to strengthen New York's law on zone pricing of gasoline, which is the establishment of arbitrary price differentials based on geographical location without regard to wholesale cost or other legitimate costs. Thiele has also sponsored open supply legislation which would enable gas stations to purchase cheaper motor fuel on the wholesale market from alternative suppliers and pass the savings on to the consumer.

Thiele stated, "It was clear that on Memorial Day prices had been kept artificially high, simply to exploit the crowds flocking to one of America's most popular vacation communities."

In Thiele's July 25 survey, the most prevalent price on the South Fork was still \$3.99 per gallon or lower at 8 stations on Montauk Highway between East Hampton and the Sunrise Highway. This is unchanged from 2 weeks ago. This is 5 cents below the average for all Long Island, 4 cents more than the New York State average, and 9 cents less than the price in New York City.

Thiele stated, “Gasoline prices are still too high, however, the differential between the South Fork and the rest of the State has narrowed considerably. On Memorial Day, gasoline prices across Long Island were 17 cents lower than on the South Fork. Today, prices on the South Fork are actually lower than the Islandwide average. Even the differential with the North Fork which was around 35 cents on the South Fork on Memorial Day had narrowed to about 10 cents.”

However, Thiele stated that one area that should be of particular interest to the Attorney General is Amagansett and Montauk at the end of the South Fork. There prices are more than 30 cents above the Long Island average. Thiele stated, “While I am pleased that prices on most of the South Fork are around the Island average, Amagansett and Montauk are clearly paying too much. This is why we need a stronger zone pricing law.”

**NEW YORK STATE GASOLINE PRICE COMPARISONS**

<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>MAY 31 AVERAGE PRICE<sup>i</sup></b>	<b>JULY 25 AVERAGE PRICE<sup>ii</sup></b>
<b>New York State<sup>iii</sup></b>	<b>\$4.02</b>	<b>\$3.95</b>
<b>South Fork<sup>iv</sup></b>	<b>\$4.25</b>	<b>\$3.99</b>
<b>Nassau-Suffolk<sup>v</sup></b>	<b>\$4.08</b>	<b>\$4.04</b>
<b>New York City<sup>vi</sup></b>	<b>\$4.15</b>	<b>\$4.08<sup>vii</sup></b>

**PRICE DIFFERENTIAL COMPARED TO SOUTH FORK**

<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>MAY 31</b>	<b>JULY 13</b>
<b>South Fork</b>	<b>-----</b>	<b>-----</b>
<b>New York State</b>	<b>-23 cents</b>	<b>-4 cents</b>
<b>Nassau-Suffolk</b>	<b>-17 cents</b>	<b>+5 cents</b>
<b>New York City</b>	<b>-10 cents</b>	<b>+9 cents</b>

**SOUTH FORK GAS PRICES  
MONTAUK HIGHWAY  
JULY 25, 2011  
PER GALLON REGULAR**

<b>Hampton Gas-Southampton</b>	<b>\$3.99</b>
<b>Shell-Southampton</b>	<b>\$3.99</b>
<b>Hess-Southampton-</b>	<b>\$3.99</b>
<b>Sunoco-Southampton</b>	<b>\$4.09</b>
<b>Gulf-Southampton</b>	<b>\$3.97</b>
<b>Coastal-Southampton</b>	<b>\$3.97</b>
<b>Mobil-Southampton</b>	<b>\$3.99</b>
<b>Shell-Water Mill</b>	<b>\$4.01</b>
<b>Hess-Bridgehampton</b>	<b>\$3.99</b>
<b>Gulf-Bridgehampton</b>	<b>\$4.05</b>
<b>Hess-Wainscot</b>	<b>\$3.99</b>
<b>American-East Hampton</b>	<b>\$3.99</b>
<b>Gulf-Amagansett</b>	<b>\$4.35</b>
<b>Mobil-Amagansett</b>	<b>\$4.39</b>
<b>Shell-Amagansett</b>	<b>\$4.53</b>
<b>Empire-Montauk-</b>	<b>\$4.15</b>
<b>Shell-Montauk</b>	<b>\$4.36</b>
<b>Montauk Fuel</b>	<b>\$4.51</b>

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<sup>i</sup> Per Gallon-Regular

<sup>ii</sup> Per Gallon-Regular

<sup>iii</sup> AAA Daily Fuel Gauge Report

<sup>iv</sup> Survey of Prevailing Gas Prices- Montauk Highway- East Hampton to Southampton

<sup>v</sup> AAA Daily Fuel Gauge Report

<sup>vi</sup> AAA Daily Fuel Gauge Report