

**Thiele Submits Gasoline Price Survey to
State Attorney General for August 7**
*Prices remain steady;
Amagansett and Montauk still 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 his latest survey of gasoline prices on the South Fork as compared with other locations in New York State. The American Automobile Association (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 prices on Montauk Highway, the main thoroughfare for the South Fork. There may be prices that are higher or lower in the region away from Montauk Highway, but the survey reflects the price posted at most stations on our region's main arterial.

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.

In Thiele's August 7 survey, the most prevalent price on the South Fork was still \$3.99 per gallon or lower at 9 stations on Montauk Highway between East Hampton and the Sunrise Highway. The lowest price was \$3.97 and the highest was \$4.09. This is virtually unchanged from the July 25 survey. 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, they have remained stable over the last two weeks. The differential between the South Fork and the rest of Long Island remains small with prices between East Hampton and Southampton slightly lower than the Island-wide average. The differential with

the North Fork, which has the lowest gasoline prices on Long Island, was around 35 cents on the South Fork on Memorial Day. It is now about 10 cents.”

Thiele stated that one area that continues to be of concern 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, “Amagansett and Montauk are clearly paying too much. This is why we need a stronger zone pricing law and open supply legislation.”

NEW YORK STATE GASOLINE PRICE COMPARISONS

LOCATION	JULY 25 AVERAGE PRICEⁱ	AUGUST 7 AVERAGE PRICEⁱⁱ
New York Stateⁱⁱⁱ	\$3.95	\$3.95
South Fork^{iv}	\$3.99	\$3.99
Nassau-Suffolk^v	\$4.04	\$4.04
New York City^{vi}	\$4.08	\$4.08^{vii}

PRICE DIFFERENTIAL COMPARED TO SOUTH FORK

LOCATION	JULY 25	AUGUST 7
South Fork	-----	-----
New York State	-4 cents	-4 cents
Nassau-Suffolk	+5 cents	+5 cents
New York City	+9 cents	+9 cents

**SOUTH FORK GAS PRICES
MONTAUK HIGHWAY
PER GALLON REGULAR^{viii}**

	July 25	August 7
Hampton Gas-Southampton	\$3.99	\$3.99
Shell-Southampton	\$3.99	\$3.99
^{ix} Hess-Southampton-	\$3.99	\$3.99
Sunoco-Southampton	\$4.09	\$4.09
Gulf-Southampton	\$3.97	\$3.97
^x Coastal-Southampton	\$3.97	\$3.97
^{xi} Mobil-Southampton	\$3.99	\$3.97
Shell-Water Mill	\$4.01	\$4.01
^{xii} Hess-Bridgehampton	\$3.99	\$3.99
Gulf-Bridgehampton	\$4.05	\$4.05
^{xiii} Hess-Wainscot	\$3.99	\$3.99
American-East Hampton	\$3.99	\$3.99
Gulf-Amagansett	\$4.35	\$4.35
Mobil-Amagansett	\$4.39	\$4.39
Shell-Amagansett	\$4.53	\$4.53
Empire-Montauk	\$4.15	\$4.19
Shell-Montauk	\$4.36	\$4.36
Montauk Fuel	\$4.51	\$4.49

ⁱ Per Gallon-Regular

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ⁱⁱⁱ AAA Daily Fuel Gauge Report

^{iv} Survey of Prevailing Gas Prices- Montauk Highway- East Hampton to Southampton

^v AAA Daily Fuel Gauge Report

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^{viii} cash only except where noted

^{ix} cash/credit price

^x cash/credit price

^{xi} cash/credit price

^{xii} cash/credit price

^{xiii} cash credit price