

**Gas Price Decline Continues – So Does Discriminatory Zone Pricing**  
*South Fork gas prices have declined by more than \$1.50 since the Summer; However, South Fork prices remain 14 cents higher than the Long Island average*

New York State Assemblyman Fred W. Thiele, Jr. (I, D, WF-Sag Harbor) today released his gasoline price survey for January 31, 2015. Thiele's most recent gasoline survey for the South Fork shows that gasoline prices continue to plunge from a high of about \$4 per gallon this summer to just below \$2.50 today. However, the unfair price differential caused by the unfair practice of zone pricing is continuing to result in higher prices when compared with the rest of Long Island and New York State.

Zone pricing is defined as the establishment of gas prices based on the geographical location of the retail outlet within the relevant geographic market, without regard to the posted terminal price and any additional costs where the effect is to injure competition. The relevant geographic market is defined as the geographic area which is supplied by the same terminal facility.

While prices declined on the South Fork by 50 cents since December to \$2.49 per gallon, prices are still lower on the rest of Long Island and across the state. Long Island prices are 14 cents less than the South Fork. South Fork prices are also 9 cents above the State average.

The Automobile Association of America (AAA) provides for a regional survey on New York State gasoline prices. However, there is no survey solely for the South Fork. Thiele's survey also includes prices in western Southampton along Montauk Highway. 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 arterials.

Thiele stated, "The average price for East Hampton and Southampton along Montauk Highway excluding Amagansett and Montauk is now \$2.49. The average price for Amagansett and Montauk is \$2.89. A gallon of gas on the North Fork is now about \$2.20. The Long Island average is \$2.35 and the State average is \$2.40."

Thiele called upon the State Legislature to pass his legislation which would prohibit zone pricing. The legislation would enact the recommendations of the State Attorney General to outlaw the practice of zone pricing of gasoline. **On June 17, 2014, the State Assembly passed Thiele's bill by a bi-partisan 130-**

**5 margin.** The bill never passed the Senate. The bill has been supported by local gasoline retailers and opposed by the major oil companies. State Senator Ken LaValle sponsors the bill in the State Senate.

Thiele stated, “For the consumers on the South Fork, Westchester, Rochester, Utica and other locations impacted by this unfair business practice, it is imperative that the Legislature approve this bill.”

#### NEW YORK STATE GASOLINE PRICE COMPARISONS

LOCATION	December 19, 2014 AVERAGE PRICE <sup>1</sup>	January 31, 2015 AVERAGE PRICE <sup>2</sup>	
New York State <sup>3</sup>	\$2.91	\$2.40	- 51 cents
South Fork <sup>4</sup>	\$2.99	\$2.49	- 50 cents
Nassau-Suffolk <sup>5</sup>	\$2.88	\$2.35	- 53 cents
New York City <sup>6</sup>	\$2.96	\$2.45	- 51 cents

#### PRICE DIFFERENTIAL COMPARED TO SOUTH FORK

LOCATION	December 19, 2014	January 31, 2015
South Fork	-----	-----
New York State	- 8 cents	- 9 cents
Nassau-Suffolk	- 11 cents	- 14 cents
New York City	- 3 cents	- 4 cents

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<sup>1</sup> Per Gallon-Regular

<sup>2</sup> Per Gallon-Regular

<sup>3</sup> AAA Daily Fuel Gauge Report

<sup>4</sup> Survey of Prevailing Gas Prices- Montauk Highway- East Hampton to Southampton

<sup>5</sup> AAA Daily Fuel Gauge Report

<sup>6</sup> AAA Daily Fuel Gauge Report

## SOUTH PRICES FORK PRICE PER GALLON REGULAR<sup>7</sup>

	December 19	January 31	Change
Eastport Citgo Gas	\$2.79	\$2.39	- 40 cents
Gulf-Eastport	\$2.75	\$2.29	- 46 cents
USA-Westhampton	\$3.39	\$2.79	- 60 cents
Valero-Westhampton	\$3.39	\$2.99	- 40 cents
Hess-Quogue	\$3.36	\$2.59	- 77 cents
Spirit-East Quogue	\$3.09	\$2.44	- 65 cents
Empire- East Quogue	\$2.95	\$2.45	- 50 cents
Hess-Hampton Bays	\$3.29	\$2.69	- 60 cents
Shell- Hampton Bays-W	\$3.25	\$2.79	- 46 cents
Shell-Hampton Bays-E	\$2.99	\$2.49	- 50 cents
Hampton Gas-Southampton	\$3.09	\$2.49	- 60 cents
Shell-Southampton	\$2.99	\$2.49	- 50 cents
<sup>8</sup> Hess-Southampton-	\$2.99	\$2.49	- 50 cents
Sunoco-Southampton	\$3.39	\$3.39	.....
Gulf-Southampton	\$3.09	\$2.59	- 50 cents
<sup>9</sup> Coastal-Southampton	\$3.05	\$2.45	- 60 cents
<sup>10</sup> Mobil-Southampton	\$3.09	\$2.49	- 60 cents
Shell-Water Mill	\$2.99	\$2.49	- 50 cents
<sup>11</sup> Hess-Bridgehampton	\$2.99	\$2.49	- 50 cents
Gulf-Bridgehampton	\$2.99	\$2.49	- 50 cents
<sup>12</sup> Hess-Wainscot	\$2.99	\$2.49	- 50 cents
Exxon-East Hampton	\$3.15	\$2.55	- 60 cents
Gulf-Amagansett	\$3.39	\$2.79	- 60 cents
Mobil-Amagansett	\$3.39	\$2.79	- 60 cents
Shell-Amagansett	\$3.39	\$2.99	- 40 cents
Citgo-Montauk	\$3.35	\$2.89	- 46 cents
Mobil-Montauk	\$3.52	\$2.97	- 55 cents
Montauk Fuel	\$3.39	\$2.97	- 42 cents

### THIELE GASOLINE PRICE SURVEY

<sup>7</sup> cash only except where noted

<sup>8</sup> cash/credit price

<sup>9</sup> cash/credit price

<sup>10</sup> cash/credit price

<sup>11</sup> cash/credit price

<sup>12</sup> cash credit price

## COMPARATIVE GASOLINE PRICES

DATE	SOUTH FORK	LONG ISLAND	NYS	SF/LI +/-
5-31-11	\$4.25	\$4.08	\$4.02	+17 cents
7-13-11	\$3.99	\$3.96	\$3.89	+3 cents
7-25-11	\$3.99	\$4.04	\$3.95	-5 cents
8-7-11	\$3.99	\$4.04	\$3.95	-5 cents
8-20-11	\$3.91	\$3.95	\$3.87	-4 cents
9-12-11	\$3.91	\$3.97	\$3.89	-6 cents
9-29-11	\$3.85	\$3.81	\$3.76	+4 cents
10-10-11	\$3.81	\$3.73	\$3.70	+8 cents
11-2-11	\$3.79	\$3.72	\$3.70	+7 cents
11-29-11	\$3.79	\$3.61	\$3.61	+18 cents
12-12-11	\$3.71	\$3.57	\$3.55	+14 cents
2-2-12	\$3.75	\$3.80	\$3.77	-5 cents
3-2-12	\$3.97	\$4.01	\$3.97	-4 cents
4-6-12	\$4.13	\$4.16	\$4.14	-3 cents
4-28-12	\$4.15	\$4.10	\$4.10	+5 cents
6-1-12	\$3.99	\$3.87	\$3.87	+12 cents
6-27-12	\$3.95	\$3.64	\$3.64	+31 cents
7-21-12	\$3.95	\$3.86	\$3.76	+9 cents
8-14-12	\$3.99	\$3.99	\$3.91	-----
9-4-12	\$4.05	\$4.05	\$4.00	-----
9-28-12	\$4.07	\$4.08	\$4.07	-1 cent
11-28-12	\$4.05	\$3.95	\$3.89	+10 cents
1-2-13	\$3.93	\$3.77	\$3.73	+16 cents
2-7-13	\$3.97	\$3.95	\$3.91	+2 cents
3-30-13	\$4.05	\$3.93	\$3.90	+12 cents
5-15-13	\$3.95	\$3.78	\$3.73	+17 cents
7-4-13	\$3.89	\$3.76	\$3.71	+13 cents
7-29-13	\$4.05	\$3.99	\$3.92	+6 cents
8-19-13	\$4.05	\$3.90	\$3.85	+15 cents
10-26-13	\$3.77	\$3.57	\$3.60	+20 cents
12-15-13	\$3.69	\$3.66	\$3.66	+3 cents
1-18-14	\$3.75	\$3.64	\$3.65	+11 cents
5-4-14	\$3.99	\$3.98	\$3.92	+ 1 cent
5-31-14	\$3.99	\$3.92	\$3.88	+ 7 cents
7-29-14	\$4.05	\$3.90	\$3.84	+15 cents
9-3-14	\$3.99	\$3.72	\$3.78	+27 cents
10-19-14	\$3.59	\$3.44	\$3.45	+15 cents
12-19-14	\$2.99	\$2.88	\$2.91	+ 11 cents
1-31-15	\$2.49	\$2.35	\$2.40	+ 14 cents