



TOWN OF RIVERHEAD NEWS

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PLANTINGS TO COMFORT PETS AT TOWN SHELTER

First Planting of Donated Trees Scheduled

Riverhead, NY – Riverhead Town Supervisor Sean M. Walter announced today that as follow-up on the gift of trees donated this past summer by Riverhead Raceway through NASCAR's *Green Clean Program*, the first planting of the trees will be at the Town's Animal Shelter to provide much needed shade for the animals that are in the care of the Town of Riverhead and to help beautify the shelter facility.

Supervisor Walter said, "This thoughtful donation by Riverhead Raceway will provide comfort in the hot summer months to the dogs in our care and will improve the look of our somewhat 'ramshackle' animal shelter." The Supervisor said, "We in government operate on such bare-bones budgets that we cannot always do all we'd like to do. These trees are much appreciated as they will provide comfort to man's best friend and will make Riverhead that much more beautiful."

NASCAR (National Association of Stock Car Auto Racing) has the largest nationwide tree planting program in sports. The *NASCAR Green Clean Air Program* plants trees for each green flag that drops during a NASCAR-sanctioned race, capturing 100% of the carbon produced by the on-track racing. Riverhead Raceway was just one of five tracks nationwide in the NASCAR Whelen All-American Series to be selected to participate in the program. Barbara and Jim Cromarty of Riverhead Raceway chose the Town of Riverhead to be the recipient of the trees.

NASCAR is donating nearly \$10,000.00 for a total of 71 trees that will be planted throughout the town at various locations. Trees will be supplied by Ver Der Ber's Landscape Nursery, Inc. located in Aquebogue.

WHO: Supervisor Sean M. Walter, Various Elected and Appointed Officials, Chief David Hegermiller, Barbara and Jim Cromarty of Riverhead Raceway and Ver Der Ber's Landscape Nursery, Inc.

WHAT: First Tree Planting at Town of Riverhead Animal Shelter

WHEN: Friday, September 28, 2012, 3:00PM

WHERE: Riverhead Town Animal Shelter, 532 Youngs Avenue, Calverton NY 11933-1426

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