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## *Press Release:*

### *Town of Riverhead Alternative Transportation Committee Urges Residents to Participate in 6th Annual Car Free Day Long Island*



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The Town of Riverhead Alternative Transportation Committee is urging all town residents and employees to participate in the 6th Annual Car Free Day Long Island on Friday, September 21, 2018.

“We are hopeful that Riverhead residents and town employees participate in Car Free Day Long Island next Friday,” said Councilwoman Jodi Giglio, who is the town board liaison to the Alternative Transportation Committee. “Bicycling or walking to work on a regular basis can significantly improve a person’s health while contributing to the protection of our environment. Car Free Day is a great way to kick off a new habit.” She said those physically unable to use alternative transportation should consider carpools or combining errands to reduce the use of personal vehicles.

In 2017, 6,808 Long Islanders pledged to be car free or car-lite, resulting in the avoidance of 134,000 miles of driving and 67 tons of CO2 emissions, according to the Car Free Long Island website. Last year, Car Fee Day was celebrated in over 2500 cities in 50 countries around the world. It gives everyone the opportunity to consider the negative impact of single occupancy vehicles. Using cars less by using alternative modes such as transit, carpooling, bicycles, walking and telecommuting helps reduce traffic, conserve energy, reduce harmful emissions, reduce

parking problems and save money. Giglio said residents can get more information or pledge to participate at: <http://carfreedayli.com/pledge/>. Anyone completing the online pledge form is entered into a drawing to win great raffle prizes, including bicycles and gift certificates, she said.

Suggested alternate transportation methods to participate include: bicycling, walking, train, public bus, carpool/vanpool, rollerblade, skateboard and telecommuting, according to [www.carfreedayli.com](http://www.carfreedayli.com).

Supervisor Laura Jens-Smith said “Car Free Day is a great way for residents and town employees to join in on the effort to use more sustainable ways to travel to work and explore all that scenic Riverhead offers in the fall. Biking or walking can increase our appreciation of the natural environment.”