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Peconic Landing to Host 16th Annual John May Mile & 5K to Benefit the Greenport Fire Department

GREENPORT, N.Y., April 20, 2022 – Peconic Landing, now celebrating its 20th anniversary, will host the 16th Annual John May Mile and 5K Race to benefit the Greenport Fire Department on Saturday, May 7. The event features a vendor marketplace which will showcase local vendors, artisans, a classic car exhibit, raffles, and more.

The John May Mile and 5K fundraiser is open to runners and walkers of all ages and fitness abilities, offering both a relaxed mile-long walk and a more challenging 3.1-mile run. Registration and stretching begin at 8 a.m. at Brecknock Hall with the race and walk to start at 9 a.m. Runners and walkers may register at www.peconiclanding.org/giveback.

The vendor marketplace, open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., will provide an opportunity for the greater community to support the Greenport Fire Department. All vendor registration fees, in addition to runner contributions, will go directly to the Greenport Fire Department.

Since inception in 2005, the annual John May Mile and 5K has raised more than \$302,050 to support the local first responders. The most recent event in 2020 contributed a total of \$20,350, helping to purchase and maintain rescue equipment vital to keeping fire department volunteers safe during response efforts.

“The funds raised by the John May Mile and 5K have helped us to purchase life-saving rescue equipment, an off-road Gator vehicle, and even EMS training courses,” said Chief Wayde Manwaring of the Greenport Fire Department. “These contributions make a big impact, and we are so thankful for the continued support from Peconic Landing and all those who donate.”

Following the race will be an awards ceremony at 10:30 a.m. on the back lawn of Brecknock Hall. **As part of this ceremony, Peconic Landing will present The Older American’s Champion Award to the entire Greenport Fire Department and Rescue Squad.** The annual award honors local individuals or organizations for their years of service and continued dedication to older Americans, acknowledging the contributions they make to improve the lives of seniors on the East End.

“As we look back on the 20 year history of Peconic Landing, we reflect on those who have been there to support us in times of need, and there is no one that comes to mind more than the Greenport Fire Department and Rescue Squad,” said Robert J. Syron, President and CEO of Peconic Landing. “As so clearly demonstrated throughout the pandemic, our first responders put themselves at risk each and every day, selflessly responding to calls for help across Greenport Village. We invite the public to join us on this special occasion to thank these brave men and women for their strength, service, and courage to run towards danger in the name of protecting others.”

To register as a runner or vendor, please visit www.peconiclanding.org/giveback.

Times/Review Media Group has signed on as Media Sponsor for the event. Those interested in sponsoring the event or donating a raffle prize are asked to contact DRadigan@peconiclanding.org. All proceeds benefit the Greenport Fire Department. We appreciate your support!

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Peconic Landing is a nationally recognized, equity-based Continuing Care Retirement Community overlooking the breathtaking Long Island Sound. Located on the North Fork of a half-mile of private Sound Beach, the organization works on a mission of being the retirement community of choice for individuals age 62 and better by encouraging our members to enjoy a vibrant lifestyle and presenting ample opportunity for members to pursue their interests and passions to the fullest. For more information on Peconic Landing, please visit www.peconiclanding.org.

