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Peconic Landing Raises over \$23K for Greenport Fire Department at 16th Annual John May Mile and 5K

GREENPORT, N.Y., May 9, 2022 – Peconic Landing’s 16th Annual John May Mile and 5K race on May 7 was a great success, raising \$23,125 for the Greenport Fire Department. Funds were contributed by race participants, Peconic Landing members, community sponsors, and local vendors.

Since inception in 2005, the annual John May Mile and 5K has raised more than \$325,000 to support the local first responders. According to the Greenport Fire Department, these funds go towards the purchase and maintenance of rescue equipment vital to keeping the volunteers safe during response efforts.

This year, despite the rain, approximately 60 participants showed up to either run the 5K or walk the John May Mile. The event attracted runners and walkers of all ages and abilities, with participants ranging in age from seven to 86. Nicholas Berglin of Hampton Bays, NY was the first to complete the 5K race, finishing with an impressive time of 16 minutes, 48.30 seconds. Melissa Stewart of Guilford, VT was the first female to cross the finish line at 22:20.63.

As part of the awards ceremony after the race, Peconic Landing President and CEO Robert J. Syron, alongside Suffolk County Legislator Al Krupski, Southold Town Supervisor Scott Russell, and Greenport Village Mayor George Hubbard Jr., presented the 2022 Older Americans Champion Award to the Greenport Fire Department and Rescue Squad. The department was represented by Chief Wayde Manwaring, 1st Assistant Chief Alain de Kerellis, and 2nd Assistant Chief Craig Johnson. 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.

“There is no one more deserving of this honor than the Greenport Fire Department and Rescue Squad,” said Robert J. Syron, President and CEO of Peconic Landing. “Throughout the pandemic, EMS personnel were out in people’s home, and they were here for us at Peconic Landing. They were saving lives as they always do, putting themselves at risk more than ever before.”

In addition to the race and award presentations, the event also welcomed visitors interested in the local vendors who were in attendance, with offerings ranging from handmade gifts, clothing, jewelry, art, and much more. While shopping and enjoying Peconic Landing's traditional barbecue lunch, guests enjoyed live music by Brian Cummings of Southold who donated his time to the cause.

Sponsors for the event included: Stony Brook Eastern Long Island Hospital, Island Portables Inc., McBurnie Tent Rental, Times Review Media Group, Ace Endico, IGA Greenport, Baldor, RLB Plumbing & Heating, Ratsey Construction, Imperial Bag & Paper, KDA Architects, Lowe's, Mattituck Environmental Services, North Fork Bread Co., Procure LTC Pharmacy, S&L Irrigation Inc., Sodexo, Wm. J. Mills & Co., Charel Contracting Inc., GP Hommel LLC, HMM CPAs LLP, PFK O'Connor Davies, REP Electric, Riverhead Building Supply, Southold Hardware, Arshamomaque Dairy Farm Inc., Charles R. Cuddy, Southold Pharmacy, GDC Medical Electronics, Esseks, Hefter, Angel, DiTalia & Pasca LLP, George's Painting, and Mullen Motors.

Those wishing to make a donation may visit www.peconiclanding.org/giveback. All proceeds benefit the Greenport Fire Department.

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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.



From left to right: Suffolk County Legislator Al Krupski, Southold Town Supervisor Scott Russell, Greenport Fire Department 2nd Assistant Chief Craig Johnson, Greenport Fire Department 1st Assistant Chief Alain de Kerillis, Peconic Landing President & CEO Robert J. Syron, Greenport Fire Department Chief Wayne Manwaring, Greenport Village Mayor George Hubbard Jr.

