

## **Thiele Calls for Senate Action on Gasoline Zone Pricing Prohibition**

***Most recent gasoline survey shows that South Fork prices have declined by 60 cents since October to below \$3 a gallon; Regional and state prices are still lower***

New York State Assemblyman Fred W. Thiele, Jr. (I, D, WF-Sag Harbor) today called upon the State Senate leadership to approve A.2290 when the Legislature returns to Albany. The legislation, which he sponsors, would enact the recommendations of the State Attorney-General to outlaw the practice of zone pricing of gasoline. Zone pricing would be 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 would be defined as the geographic area which is supplied by the same terminal facility. **On June 17, the State Assembly passed Thiele's bill by a bi-partisan 130-5 margin.** The bill is in the Senate Rules Committee. The bill has been supported by local gasoline retailers and opposed by the major oil companies.

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 State Senate permit a vote on this bill. The Senate leadership can prove whether they are on the side of consumers or in the pockets of Big Oil."

State Senator Ken LaValle sponsors the bill in the State Senate.

Thiele's most recent gasoline survey for the South Fork taken on December 19, 2014, demonstrates the need for the legislation. While prices declined on the South Fork by 60 cents since July to \$2.99 per gallon, prices are still lower on the rest of Long Island and across the state. Long Island prices are 11 cents less than the South Fork. South Fork prices are also 8 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 \$2.99. The average price for Amagansett and Montauk is \$3.39. A gallon of gas on the North Fork is now about \$2.69. The Long Island average is \$2.88 and the State average is \$2.91."

## NEW YORK STATE GASOLINE PRICE COMPARISONS

LOCATION	October 19, 2014 AVERAGE PRICE <sup>1</sup>	December 19, 2014 AVERAGE PRICE <sup>2</sup>	
New York State <sup>3</sup>	\$3.45	\$2.91	-54 cents
South Fork <sup>4</sup>	\$3.59	\$2.99	- 60 cents
Nassau-Suffolk <sup>5</sup>	\$3.44	\$2.88	- 56 cents
New York City <sup>6</sup>	\$3.50	\$2.96	- 54 cents

### PRICE DIFFERENTIAL COMPARED TO SOUTH FORK

LOCATION	October 19, 2014	December 19, 2014
South Fork	-----	-----
New York State	-14 cents	- 8 cents
Nassau-Suffolk	-15 cents	- 11 cents
New York City	- 9 cents	- 3 cents

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

	October 19	December 19	Change
Hampton Gas-Southampton	\$3.59	\$3.09	- 50 cents
Shell-Southampton	\$3.59	\$2.99	- 60 cents
<sup>8</sup> Hess-Southampton-	\$3.59	\$2.99	- 60 cents
Sunoco-Southampton	\$3.89	\$3.39	- 60 cents
Gulf-Southampton	\$3.69	\$3.09	- 60 cents
<sup>9</sup> Coastal-Southampton	\$3.57	\$3.05	- 52 cents
<sup>10</sup> Mobil-Southampton	\$3.59	\$3.09	- 50 cents

<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

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

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

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

Shell-Water Mill	\$3.59	\$2.99	- 60 cents
<sup>11</sup> Hess-Bridgehampton	\$3.59	\$2.99	- 60 cents
Gulf-Bridgehampton	\$3.59	\$2.99	- 60 cents
<sup>12</sup> Hess-Wainscot	\$3.59	\$2.99	- 60 cents
Exxon-East Hampton	\$3.69	\$3.15	- 54 cents
Gulf-Amagansett	\$3.89	\$3.39	- 60 cents
Mobil-Amagansett	\$3.89	\$3.39	- 60 cents
Shell-Amagansett	\$3.99	\$3.39	- 60 cents
Citgo-Montauk	\$3.93	\$3.35	- 58 cents
Mobil-Montauk	\$3.99	\$3.52	- 47 cents
Montauk Fuel	\$4.09	\$3.39	- 70 cents
Eastport Citgo Gas	\$3.39	\$2.79	- 60 cents
Gulf-Eastport	\$3.35	\$2.75	- 60 cents
USA-Westhampton	\$3.79	\$3.39	- 40 cents
Valero-Westhampton	\$4.09	\$3.39	- 80 cents
Hess-Quogue	\$3.59	\$3.36	- 23 cents
Spirit-East Quogue	\$3.64	\$3.09	- 55 cents
Empire- East Quogue	\$3.49	\$2.95	- 54 cents
Hess-Hampton Bays	\$3.65	\$3.29	- 36 cents
Shell- Hampton Bays-W	\$3.69	\$3.25	- 44 cents
Shell-Hampton Bays-E	\$3.59	\$2.99	- 60 cents

**THIELE GASOLINE PRICE SURVEY  
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	-----

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<sup>10</sup> cash/credit price  
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<sup>12</sup> cash credit price

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