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LICA Honors Those Vets Who Have Defended America and Built Its Future



With Veteran's Day only a few days away, the **Long Island Contractors' Association (LICA)** is moving to recognize the contribution of those veterans within our construction ranks who have not only helped build America but defended it as a member of our armed forces.

Among those identified for recognition, LICA would like to thank one of our own, **Matthew Ferrizz of Hinck Electrical Contractor, Inc.**, for his honorable service to our country.

"This Veteran's Day, Americans should take time out to honor men and women like Matthew Ferrizz, a former Navy SEAL. They deserve recognition not only for the

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sacrifices they make for our country in times of war but for dedicating themselves to improving America long after they have taken off the uniform," stated **LICA Chairman James Pratt, III of Pratt Brothers, Inc.** "Ferrizz is an extraordinary person and a true American hero."



Ferrizz was a distinguished Navy SEAL (Sea, Air, Land) who served in Vietnam between 1969 and 1970 with SEAL Team One, Detachment Golf, Golf Platoon, and earned the Bronze Star Medal at just 20 years old for bravery against enemy forces.

His citation for bravery would note that on September 26, 1970 Petty Officer Ferrizz was acting as pointman for a 14-man SEAL and Kit Carson Scout patrol assigned to disrupt an enemy training camp located deep in enemy controlled territory. With Petty Officer Ferrizz in the forefront, the patrol closed in on the enemy huts. Suddenly, a large anti-personnel mine detonated in front of him and the squad received a heavy burst of automatic weapons fire from two directions. Unable to achieve radio or visual communications with reinforcements, and pinned down by a large enemy force, he continuously exposed himself to bring his machine gun to bear where it would be most effective in providing cover for his wounded comrades.

"After you read that citation you begin to understand what an extraordinary American Matt is and why we are so proud that he is part of our industry today," continued Pratt.

Following his honorable discharge from the military, Matt Ferrizz started a proud career in the heavy construction trades, working for Hinck Electrical Contractor, Inc. for over two decades.

"Matt is a great guy and has been with our company for over 20 years. He's one of our most experienced and best foremen particularly in our traffic division," stated **John Buck, president of Hinck Electrical Contractor, Inc.** "Matt is hard-working and extremely focused on his work. No wonder he is so well respected here and in the **IBEW Local 25 Electricians** union hall. If anyone deserves to be honored this man does."

Among the projects Ferrizz has worked on during his career with Hinck Electrical include the **NYS Department of Transportation (NYSDOT)** Traffic Requirements contract, Long Island Expressway HOV projects, Brookhaven-based GPS projects and countless other NYSDOT, county and municipal projects.

Ferrizz is currently working as foreman on the Brookhaven GPS Pre-emption Installation contract.

LICA Members: People on the Move

LICA members are not only those who build our region's infrastructure but those who work in supporting industries such as banking, recycling, engineering and more. In this edition, we note their business milestones and offer them a heartfelt congratulations.

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Robert Dennison Joins VHB as NY Regional Director for Transportation Design Services

VHB Engineering, Surveying and Landscape Architecture, P.C. (VHB), a leading integrated planning, transportation, land development and environmental services provider, announced **Robert A. Dennison III, PE**, as the firm's **New York regional director for transportation design services**. Working out of VHB's Albany office, Dennison, former **New York State DOT chief engineer**, will strengthen the firm's transportation planning and design engineering capabilities throughout New York.



"Dennison's leadership and industry relationships will help diversify and strengthen our transportation practice in New York," said **VHB Senior Vice President of Transportation Ruth Bonsignore**. "Clients will benefit from his technical expertise, as well as his in-depth knowledge of the market and ability to get projects advanced from concept through construction."

VHB employs a staff of 850, including planners, engineers and environmental scientists serving public and private clients from 21 offices along the east coast. VHB has been named among the top 100 design firms and is ranked 28th in the nation in transportation by *Engineering News-Record*. VHB is affiliated with **Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc.** For more information, [click here](#) to visit their website.

Gershow Recycling Hires New Safety Coordinator

Matthew Sweeney is the new safety coordinator for **Gershow Recycling Corp.**, which has eight locations in Long Island and Brooklyn. Sweeney, who will assist the firm's safety director in implementing and enforcing workplace safety policies, previously spent four years as a safety technician at **Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory**.



Founded in 1964, Gershow Recycling is one of Long Island's oldest and most successful environmental companies whose mission is: *Conserving the Future by Recycling the Past*. Today, Gershow Recycling operates the most modern, technically advanced metal processing recycling facilities in the United States. Their modern equipment and their ability to meet new recycling industry needs reflects the commitment they have made toward providing the finest service possible to their customers. For more information, [click here](#) to visit their website.

Signature Bank Adds New Executive

William Pyszczymuka has joined a private client banking team at **Signature Bank** as an associate group director and vice president in the Jericho office. The West Islip resident was most recently a branch business manager at **Capital One** in Hicksville.



Signature is a full-service commercial bank with offices in the five boroughs of New York City, as well as Nassau, Suffolk and Westchester counties. They focus on serving the financial needs of privately owned businesses, their owners and senior managers – a group of clients who often find themselves underserved by the area's larger financial institutions. Signature Bank was created to provide talented, passionate, and dedicated financial professionals a supportive environment in which they can conduct their practice to the maximum benefit of their clients. For more information, [click here](#) to visit their website.

Our Industry's Worst Nightmare Is Revisited as LI Construction Worker Killed in Hit-and-Run Police urging anyone with information to come forward

The Long Island Contractors' Association (LICA) extends its deepest sympathy to the friends, colleagues and family of **Victor Schultz of Intercounty Paving Associates.**

Suffolk County police are investigating a hit-and-run accident in Fort Salonga where Fourth Squad detectives say roadside construction worker Victor Schultz died after being struck by a vehicle on October 28th at about 1:30 a.m.

Police reported Schultz and a co-worker from Intercounty Paving were loading a milling machine onto a trailer on the side of Fort Salonga Road, or Route 25A, near Sunken Meadow Parkway, when Schultz was struck by a vehicle. Police said witnesses told them a dark-colored sport utility vehicle traveling west on Route 25A then sped from the scene without stopping.

Police are urging anyone with information to contact the **Fourth Squad at 631-854-8452** or call **Crime Stoppers at 1-800-220-TIPS.** All calls will remain confidential.

NY State Funding Decreased More than 50% in a Decade



According to an economic analysis conducted by the **American Road & Transportation Builders Association (ARTBA)**, the value of New York's investment in Long Island bridges is less than half of what it was a decade ago.

Adding to our industry's misery of decreased funding, inflation and the rising cost of construction materials have eroded the ability of a dollar in 2010 to even buy 40% as much construction as it did 10 years ago. ARTBA reported that the \$215.40 million worth of funding that NYSDOT spent in 2000 is equivalent to \$340.06 million in 2010 dollars. For a comparison, we received only \$156.40 million from NYSDOT in 2010 amounting to a nearly 55% cut in state funding.

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Year	NYSDOT Funding (millions of \$)	In Millions of 2010 \$
2000	215.40	340.06
2001	302.20	475.36
2002	215.20	346.86
2003	218.10	344.07
2004	263.70	383.45
2005	181.10	233.98
2006	226.00	263.54
2007	213.00	234.79
2008	140.00	135.66
2009	193.90	203.53
2010	156.40	156.40

As Long Island's aging infrastructure continues to deteriorate and the value of our state funding continues to decrease, at some point the means of moving people, goods and products to and from market will come to a screeching halt.

Drawing on data released by the NYSDOT, it was revealed that 62% of the bridges in Nassau and Suffolk counties were declared either functionally obsolete or structurally deficient. LICA believes that, as a region, we need to make sure reconstruction is the emphasis so that Long Island's roads and bridges are safe for travel. The maintenance of our region's infrastructure is crucial for economic prosperity.

"Infrastructure does not need to be built new, but it does need to be updated and maintained. Our number one goal as a region should be to ensure the structural integrity of our area's roads, bridges and highways," stated **Marc Herbst, Executive Director of LICA**. "Long Island deserves its fair share of funding if for no other reason than we are a significant economic force in New York. If we can't move people and commerce, this state is not going to recover its economic potential."

Hope on the horizon...

While funding for the current program ends in less than four months, New York **Governor Andrew Cuomo** has given every indication that he intends to change the direction of the funding downward spiral.

Governor Cuomo's dynamic and engaged **Transportation Commissioner Joan McDonald** has promised to explore every possible funding opportunity to ensure our infrastructure is adequately funded. As a result, the Cuomo Administration has put issues such as design-build, public private partnerships (P3s) and infrastructure banks on the front burner.

New York State Senator Charles Fuschillo has also been a major advocate for alternate funding methods and has invited LICA testify at several public hearings to explore the serious need for P3s. Fuschillo has explained that New York State can utilize public-private partnerships in order to expedite and better fund infrastructure projects throughout the state. The concept has considerable momentum as elected officials recognize that traditional funding methods will not address the growing infrastructure crisis in New York.

U.S. Senate EPW Committee Releases Text of Transportation Reauthorization Bill "MAP-21"

Last week, the **U.S. Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works** released the text of its draft transportation reauthorization bill entitled "**Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century**" or "**MAP-21.**" The bill was released with bi-partisan support, with **Senators Boxer (D-CA), Inhofe (R-OK), Baucus (D-MT), and Vitter (R-LA)** as co-sponsors. The release of this bill represents significant progress towards a reauthorization more than two years in the making.



MAP-21 would reauthorize the federal highway program for two years, maintaining current levels of funding. Additionally, the bill includes provisions to consolidate federal programs and eliminate earmarks, as well as several reforms aimed at accelerating project delivery. MAP-21 would also increase support for the TIFIA program. Mark-up by the EPW Committee will be on November 9. To read the full text of the bill, [click here](#). To view a summary of the bill [click here](#).

The release of MAP-21 comes on the heels of the Senate's rejection last week of the infrastructure portion of President Obama's \$447 billion jobs bill. This proposal would have provided \$50 billion in infrastructure spending and an additional \$10 billion to establish a national infrastructure bank. This would have been funded by a 0.7% surtax on individual incomes of over \$500,000, or \$1 million for married couples.

The Senate Republicans countered with their own proposal to reauthorize the transportation programs for another two years, implement several streamlining reforms, and roll back environmental regulations, while calling for \$40 billion in discretionary spending cuts. This Republican proposal was similarly rejected.

While the House of Representatives has not yet released its own transportation bill, the Republican leadership announced last week its intention to couple transportation funding with an energy bill to be released in the coming weeks. The proposal would likely use revenues derived from off-shore drilling to fund increased transportation investment.

The current surface transportation bill was extended for six months back in September and will expire on March 31, 2012. Action in both houses is required to pass a reauthorization.

The Long Island Contractors' Association will keep you updated as further developments unfold.

LICA Hosting Defensive Driving Course as Benefit to Members

The Long Island Contractors' Association (LICA) is hosting a defensive driving course as a benefit to our members and their families on **Wednesday, November 16th** and **Thursday, November 17th from 5:30 – 8:30pm** at the LICA office in Hauppauge. Registration is \$10 per participant.



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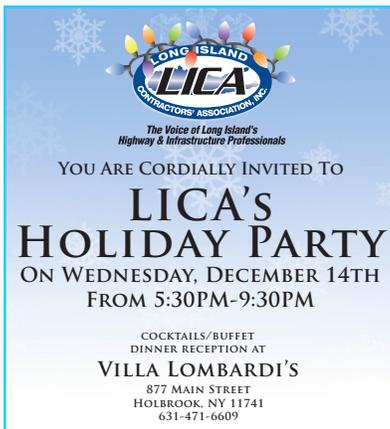
The Defensive Driving Course (DDC) is a classroom only course and is available to all licensed drivers.

Participants will receive the following benefits:

1. For three (3) years they **MUST** receive a 10% discount on their Liability and Collision insurance premiums for all vehicles (including motorcycles) for which they are listed as the primary operator. Company insurance premiums may also be eligible for reduction
2. Up to four (4) points will automatically be deducted from the existing total on their driving record
3. **MOST IMPORTANTLY** – Each participant will learn accident prevention skills, which should help, preserve their lives and property

The DDC 6-hour classroom course is presented by **National Safety Council**-certified instructors who, with the help of modern, multimedia techniques, offer you a new approach to learning accident prevention skills. You'll receive a course guide to use in class and to keep for future reference. Even the most experienced drivers find the course interesting and filled with valuable safe driving tips. It's also great for new drivers, about-to-be drivers, and of course, family involvement is encouraged.

Due to limited space, registration is available to the first 40 responses. Payment must be made in advance to reserve your spot. **Click here** to fill out the attached form and mail your check, made out to the Long Island Contractors' Association, to 150 Motor Parkway, Suite 307, Hauppauge, NY 11788. If you would like to pay online, visit our website **here**.



LICA to Welcome the Holidays at Villa Lombardi's on December 14th

Come celebrate the Holiday Season with your construction industry friends and colleagues at LICA's 2011 Holiday Party!

The party will be held on **Wednesday, December 14th from 5:30 – 9:30pm** at Villa Lombardi's in Holbrook. RSVPs are coming in fast and furious, which means a good time with good people.

If you have not yet responded, please **click here** for a copy of the invitation and response form. You can RSVP via email to **LICA Assistant to the Executive Director Josephine Magee** at jmagee@licanys.org or fax the response form to 631-231-4291.

Save the Date for LICA's Safety Seminar

LICA's 2012 Annual Safety Seminar
Friday, January 13th, 2012
Sheraton Long Island
8:00 – 10:00 a.m.

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LICA and GCA Veteran's Day Holiday Schedules

Please [click here](#) to view the LICA and GCA Veteran's Day holiday schedules.

Bid Results

Bid Date	Project Name	Owner	Contractor	Bid Amount
10/21/11	Install Stormwater Treatment Sys - Various County Roads	County of Suffolk, Dept. of Public Works	Pratt Brothers Inc.	\$ 1,336,336
			Adjo Contracting Corp.	1,386,259
			Norman Kurrass Contractor Inc.	1,693,322
			G & M Earth Moving Inc	1,746,550
			Araz Industries	2,272,720
			Bove Industries	2,590,514
			Grace Industries LLC	2,721,380
10/25/11	Road & Sewer Restoration - Various Nassau County	County of Nassau Office of Public Works	The Novelli Group	\$ 828,080
			Pratt Brothers Inc.	969,969
			Roadwork Ahead, Inc.	1,146,300
			ALAC Contracting Corp.	1,555,555
10/26/11	Replace Boat Ramp @ North Hempstead Beach Park	Town Of North Hempstead	Stasi Brothers Asphalt Corporation	\$ 290,000
			Terry Contracting	346,000
			ConStar	483,000
			Chesterfield Associates	513,200
10/27/11	Asbestos Floor Tile Abate & Track Recon Jericho Mid/High School	Jericho Union Free School District	De Rosa Tennis Contractors	\$ 716,840
			Fasco Asphalt Paving	797,000
			J Anthony Enterprises	834,000
			A & R Capital Assoc	897,917
			Gii Construction	933,000
			Landtek Group Inc.	969,500
			Pioneer Landscaping & Asphalt Paving Inc.	971,000
			PSL Industries, Inc.	1,035,924
			Total Construction Corp.	1,144,210
			KJB Industries/Eagle Asphalt Maint	1,181,181
			Proton Construction Corp	1,228,000
10/28/11	Construction of Pump Station Well No. 28	Jericho Water District	Bensin Contracting Inc.	\$ 1,025,900
			Merrick Utility Associates Inc.	1,109,560
			J Anthony Enterprises	1,124,034
			Biltwel General Contractor Corp.	1,136,800
			RJ Industries Inc./RJI Mech	1,447,270
10/28/11	Emergency Water Distribution System Repairs	Jericho Water District	Merrick Utility Associates Inc.	\$ 77,785
			Bancker Construction Corp	79,819
			Alessio Pipe & Construction	83,131
11/2/11	West Neck Water District Water Main Replacement	Town of Shelter Island	William A Anderson Plumbing & Heating Inc.	\$ 47,982
			Bancker Construction Corp	93,572
			Roadwork Construction	99,995
			Bensin Contracting Inc.	118,570
11/3/11	Highway Yard Sand/Salt Storage Building	Town of Islip	Bimasco Inc	\$ 1,444,442
			General Builders Inc.	1,483,666
			Rosemar Construction	1,524,000
			LoDuca Associates Inc.	1,527,700
			Araz Industries	1,572,360
			Delalio Southfork Asphalt	1,638,188
			J. Barwick Landscape & Site Developer	2,068,000
11/3/11	Supply/Install Fencing @ Geiger Lake Park	Town Of Babylon-Purchasing Dept.	Residential Fence Corp	\$ 727,727
			J Anthony Enterprises	832,350
			Landtek Group Inc.	920,900
			Yaboo Fence Co.	1,122,600
			A & R Capital Assoc	1,278,730
			PSL Industries, Inc.	1,422,000