

NYPIRG Extends Fuel Service

The New York Public Interest Research Group (NYPIRG) Citizen's Alliance (CA) has announced the extension of its fuel buying service to include Long Islanders east of Route 112.

The Fuel Buyer's Group will save home owners from 10 to 18 cents per gallon on their fuel oil, yearly savings from \$150 to \$300 per home.

A phenomenally successful first year which saw the western Long Island Fuel Buyer's Group grow from 100 to 1,500 members, combined with media's extensive coverage, has created a popular call for a buying group in Eastern Long Island. Scores of residents have expressed disappointment that up till now we have not served east of Port Jefferson. Michael Gordon, coordinator of NYPIRG Citizen's Alliance Fuel Buyer's Group said, "If it works on the rest of the Island, why shouldn't it work here?"

NYPIRG is a non-profit consumer and environmental organization working statewide to improve the quality of life for New York citizens.

The Fuel Buyer's Group started 18 months ago and has now grown to become the largest conglomoration of oil buying in the United States. "This is an idea whose time has come. We've had labor unions; now we're seeing the growth of consumer unions," Michael Cervella, a Fuel Buyer's Group spokesman said.

Bus Service May End

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denied." She claimed that she had "failed to go through the proper channels." She said the request will be re-submitted, though it may not be processed by Nov. 28. King said she is not sure if she will still cancel the service, if the request is not processed in two weeks.

Chuck Bower, of the New York State Department of Transportation in Albany, said that he has unsuccessfully attempted to contact Coram Bus numerous times. He said that his office had received a written request from Coram Bus for the increase in fare, but "no justification for the increase." Therefore, the equest was denied. Bower said his office would like to "do the best thing for all involved," if they could only make contact with the bus company. Robert Shinnick of the Suffolk County Department of Transportation, said that Coram Bus could conceivably cancel the route, only because their contract with the State runs out on Nov. 30. If and when the fare increase is approved, Coram Bus Service must advertise the increase for four weeks before it actually takes effect.