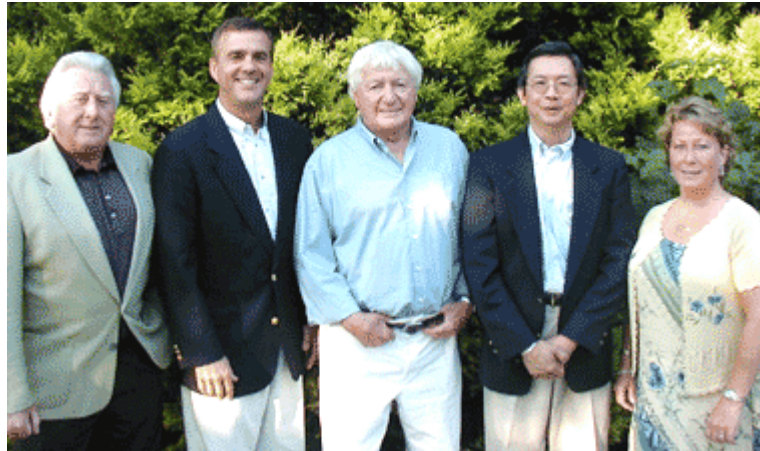


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Hamptons Realty Group Celebrates Their First Anniversary With Two New Offices

→ On their first anniversary this Fourth of July, the brokers at Hamptons Realty Group have much to celebrate. Just one year after this group of five independent Hamptons brokerages joined together to form one company, all are thrilled with the success of the merger. The group recently opened a sixth office in Hampton Bays, and a seventh office is in the works - location to be announced soon.



Pat O'Donoghue, JR Siwicki, Stan Esposito, Htun Han, Kate Foster

The new Hampton Bays office is located at 39 West Main Street (631-728-7300) It will be managed by Patrick O'Donoghue, son of one of HRG's four principal brokers, Pat O'Donoghue. Patrick will manage the office's day-to-day operations and oversee several agents there. Says the senior O'Donoghue; "We saw a real need to have a presence on both sides of the canal. By expanding into Hampton Bays, we offer our clients and customers much more extensive coverage of Southampton town."

The Hamptons Realty Group merger one year ago was a bold move by four of the most seasoned brokers in the Hamptons. All gave up the names of their former brokerages with some trepidation. The names of Blue Bay Realty, Garnham and Han Real Estate, J.R. Siwicki, Jr. Real Estate and O'Donoghue Real Estate were among the most long established in the Hamptons. However, all agree the move has paid off. Comments Htun Han, principal broker based in the Amagansett Main Street office, "Becoming part of Hamptons Realty Group has only increased our business. Our customer and client base remained loyal, knowing that though there was a new name on our door our experience in East End real estate is anything but new. As we hoped, we have gained many new customers and clients due to our increased visibility, marketing capabilities, and expanded market reach."

Hamptons Realty Group occupies a unique place in the East End real estate market. "Really, we offer the best of both worlds," comments principal broker J.R. Siwicki of the Water Mill office. "We are all locals with many years of experience and a deep knowledge of our service areas. However, our new ability to market listings and serve customers is much more sophisticated and extensive now that we operate as a group." Besides being able to advertise more extensively in print media, the group invested in a new state-of-the-art website (www.hrg.com), which networks all of their offices, and is updated on a real-time daily basis.

Hamptons Realty Group launched last summer just as several Manhattan and national conglomerates were moving into the area, though talks had begun many months before. "Our timing has been impeccable," says Stan Esposito, a principal broker based in East Hampton. "We're surviving - and thriving - amongst national and Manhattan firms while still staying locally owned and operated. It's really satisfying."

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