



## INVESTING IN SUFFOLK'S INFRASTRUCTURE AND FUTURE

*Legislator Hahn Secures Funding For Vital 5<sup>th</sup> L.D. Projects*



***Photo:** Legislator Hahn reviews improvement plans for the Old Field Farm during a recent tour. The 2013-2015 Capital Budget included much needed funding for this Historic Site.*

The Suffolk County Legislature has adopted its 2013 - 2015 Capital Budget that will fund critical infrastructure and safety improvements to County owned assets during the next two years including several projects in the Fifth Legislative District for which I have advocated for. As a member of the Legislature's Capital Budget Working Group, I and my colleagues put forth a spending plan that continues support for maintaining Suffolk County's roads and bridges, dredging of its waterways and necessary building reconstruction. Additionally, my amendments on behalf of residents of the Fifth District helped to secure funding for long languishing and critically important projects that are needed to ensure public safety and economic development and enhance quality of life in the District.

Included in the 2013-2015 adopted Capital Budget is funding for:

Project Number	Project Description	Need
<a href="#">5497</a>	Adds \$100,000 for planning for sidewalk projects in 2013 and \$250,000 for construction in 2014 for sidewalks on Nicolls Road between the Stony Brook University north entrance and NYS Route 25A.	When completed, this project will protect pedestrians utilizing Nicolls Road/CR-97 and link Stony Brook University to the greater community. This will protect public safety and help support local businesses.
<a href="#">7007</a>	Adds \$50,000 for site improvements in 2013 to provide fencing at McAllister County Park ( <i>Belle Terre Village/Port Jefferson Harbor</i> ).	This project will replace a failing fence that is used to prevent visitors from accessing an unsecured, dangerous and environmental sensitive section of the county park.
<a href="#">7079</a>	Adds \$50,000 for construction in 2013 for a driveway and parking at Forsyth Meadow Woods/Nora Bredes Nature Preserve ( <i>Stony Brook</i> ).	This project once completed will, for the first time, provide visitors with an access point to the Park.
<a href="#">7176</a>	Adds \$100,000 for construction in 2013 at the Old Field Farm in order to restore historic structures and make site improvements, including conversion of a stable into a classroom space.	This project will restore historic structures located at the Farm which are in danger of collapse and pose a hazard to visitors.
<a href="#">8121</a>	Adds \$600,000 in sewer serial bonds for planning in 2013 to facilitate the procurement of outside funding for plant upgrades required to meet the 2014 nitrogen discharge limits contained within the Long Island Sound Study ( <i>Stony Brook, Stony Brook University, and Port Jefferson</i> ).	The proposed improvements to SD#21-Stony Brook University will decrease nitrogen discharge into the Long Island Sound through Port Jefferson Harbor, thus increasing the health of its ecosystem and protecting area bathers.

Beyond these important local projects, the Budget also includes funding for Suffolk County Community College's campus infrastructure, the new, State mandated, Yaphank correctional facility and sewer construction that will support the Ronkonkoma Hub project.

"I am proud to have been a sponsor of this responsible and forward thinking spending package.

Through many hours of hard work by County Executive Bellone and members of the Working Group we were able to advance a plan that delivers on Suffolk County's current infrastructure commitments and lays the groundwork for the future economic development needed to spur job creation for our residents."



Projects included in the adopted Capital Budget will commence on or after January 1, 2013, which will help build a stronger and more prosperous Suffolk County.

***Photo:** An erosion prone section of McAllister County Park in Belle Terre has been awarded funding in the 2013-2015 Capital Budget to replace failing fencing.*

## THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING COMMUNITY MEETINGS

Dear Neighbor:

During the past few weeks I have had the pleasure of meeting with residents from across the Fifth Legislative District during the four community forums I sponsored at Comsewogue High School, Setauket Elementary School, Earl L. Vandermeulen and Robert Murphy Junior High School. From all across the district, you and your neighbors came out to share your thoughts on everything from public safety to power generation. The insights and suggestions you offered me during these meetings will serve as a guide for my continued service to you as your Suffolk County Legislator.



***Photo:** Legislator Kara Hahn held the third Community Meeting for residents of the Fifth Legislative District in Earl L. Vandermeulen High School's Library.*

Thank you for taking time out of your busy lives to share a glimpse of the vision you hold for our community. I look forward to continuing this dialogue with you, and encourage you to reach out to me if you have anything you would like to bring to my attention.

Sincerely,

Kara Hahn  
Suffolk County Legislator, Fifth District

# BE SUN-WISE THIS SUMMER

*Legislator Hahn encourages you to be mindful of Ultraviolet light dangers*

Summer is now in full swing and as we enjoy everything there is to do, I would like for you to take a moment to think about your skin's health. Last year in the United States 70,230 people learned that they have invasive Melanoma, the most serious type of skin cancer and an estimated 8,790 died from the disease. According to the National Cancer Institute, over the past 30 years Melanoma rates in the United States have more than doubled as exposure to harmful Ultraviolet [UV] light rays has increased.

Overall, one in five Americans will develop some form of skin cancer according to the American Cancer Society. Since many of the skin cancer cases are a direct result of UV light emanating from the Sun, the American Association of Dermatology has issued the following recommendations:

- Avoid outdoor activities between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. when the sun's rays are the strongest;
- Seek shade whenever possible;
- Wear a broad-spectrum sunscreen with a Sun Protection Factor (SPF) of 15 or higher;
- Wear sun-protective clothing and accessories, such as wide-brimmed hats and sunglasses; and
- Follow the "**Shadow Rule**" -- if your shadow is shorter than you are, the sun's damaging rays are at their strongest and you are likely to burn.

This group and other medical professionals also suggest conducting monthly self skin exams. Go to [http://www.skincarephysicians.com/SkinCancerNet/skin\\_examinations.html](http://www.skincarephysicians.com/SkinCancerNet/skin_examinations.html) for details on how to conduct such an exam.

"Skin cancer is not only dangerous and disfiguring, but it is also deadly. Go out, enjoy all the splendors of summer and have fun, but please commit to following these simple suggestions in order to protect your health and future."

## PHOTOS FROM AROUND TOWN

*LEGISLATOR HAHN IN THE COMMUNITY*



**East Setauket** – PLAY BALL... Suffolk County Legislator Kara Hahn helped kicked off the Three Village Baseball and Softball League's 2012.

**Setauket** - Legislator Hahn recognized Girl Scouts Jenna Papazissimos and Megan Lee for receiving the Gold Award at a ceremony held at the Setauket Neighborhood House. Jenna's Gold Award project involved planning, organizing and raising funds to put on an "Under the Sea" themed dinner dance for area senior citizens. Megan's project brought the healing power of music to women diagnosed with breast cancer who are on chemotherapy by purchasing and distributing MP3 players, CDs and digital music to these patients during their treatment.



**Setauket** – At the Wet Paint Festival, Legislator Kara Hahn and volunteer Beverly Tyroler pose, but not to be painted. Photo courtesy of Jeff Foster.

**Port Jefferson** - Legislator Kara Hahn and daughter Hope pitch in during the Coastal Steward's recent beach clean-up of Port Jefferson Harbor.



**Port Jefferson** - Legislator Hahn was a guest of the Setauket Yacht Club at its recent commissioning ceremony.

**Port Jefferson Station** - Legislator Hahn broke ground on Phase II of the Setauket to Port Jefferson Station Greenway Trail at its future eastern entrance located near Hallock Road (Route 25A) and Route 112 in Port Jefferson Station.



**Belle Terre** - It was to Saints Orchard Road for Legislator Hahn, her daughter Hope and other volunteers of the Coastal Steward's second Port Jefferson Harbor beach clean-up.

**East Setauket** - Ms. Heal's and Ms. Hegarty's Arrowhead Elementary School Classes welcomed guest reader Legislator Kara Hahn for story time.



**Setauket** - Legislator Kara Hahn presents proclamations to Newly awarded Eagle Scouts Andrew Buzzanca and Nicholas Vitale from Troop 70 in Setauket. Andrew's Eagle Scout project was to restore a historic ring once used by the Setauket Fire Department to alert residents to fires and constructing benches to enjoy the area. For his Eagle Scout project, Nicholas's designed and constructed rolling bookcases in the North Shore Jewish Center's library in Port Jefferson Station.

**Stony Brook** – Suffolk County Legislator Kara Hahn presents proclamations to Newly awarded Eagle Scouts Mark Robert D'Angio, Ian James OBrien, Nicholas Robert Pinella and Christopher Joseph Trinkle of Troop 117 in Stony Brook.



**Setauket** - Suffolk County Legislator Kara Hahn presents a proclamation to new Eagle Scout Pierce Curran of Troop 70 in Setauket. For his Eagle Scout Project, Pierce designed and constructed recycling bins to collect water bottles used by walkers in both the LI2 Day Walk To Fight Breast Cancer and Walk For Beauty fundraisers. The bottles collected were then redeemed and the money donated for Breast Cancer Research.

**Port Jefferson** – Legislator Kara Hahn manned an informational booth on types of environmental services and programs available through Suffolk County during Port Jefferson Village’s annual Green Fest.





**Port Jefferson Station** - New Eagle Scout Nicholas Guma of Troop 454 in Port Jefferson Station Suffolk County was presented a proclamation in recognition of his achievement by Legislator Kara Hahn during his Court of Honor. For his Eagle Scout Project, Nicholas designed, constructed and installed hexagon tables with benches in a courtyard at Comsewogue High School.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

Legislator Kara Hahn and the Long Island Power Authority (LIPA) want to remind all customers who rely on electricity to power life-supporting equipment in their homes to register with LIPA's Critical Care Program.

Customers enrolled in the Critical Care Program will receive advance notice of scheduled outages and severe weather that may cause power outages. This will enable customers who depend on electricity for emergency medical and life-support equipment to make advanced preparations. If an outage does occur, LIPA will make every effort to restore electric service to program participants as soon as possible. However, there may be circumstances when timely restoration is difficult and Critical Care does not guarantee priority restoration of service. It is important customers realize it is their responsibility to develop a plan that will ensure their medical needs are taken care of in the event of a power outage.

Customers wishing to enroll in the Critical Care Program must provide LIPA with a medical certificate from a doctor or the local Board of Health. Once approved the customer's account and meter will be tagged as "critical care."

**Devices which meet the medical criteria for life-support equipment include:**

- Apnea Monitor
- Curraise Respirator
- Positive Pressure Respirator
- Suction Machine
- IV Feeding Machine
- Tank Type Respirator
- Respirator/Ventilator
- Hemodialysis Machine
- Rocking Bed Respirator
- Oxygen Concentrator
- IV Medical Infusion Machine

For more information about **LIPA's Critical Care Program** call 1-800-490-0025 or visit <http://www.lipower.org/residential/custserv/services-care.html>.

I will be joining the New York Blood Center in hosting my second community blood drive of the year on July 27<sup>th</sup> at the Port Jefferson Village Center at 101-A East Broadway, Port Jefferson. The Blood Center will mail two New York Mets tickets to each donor in appreciation of his/her commitment to saving lives.

Walk-ins are welcomed, but appointments are appreciated so call (631) 854-1650 to schedule a convenient time to donate today! Please remember to bring valid identification, eat and be well hydrated before making your donation. Due to New York Blood Center guidelines, donors must weigh over 110 pounds, be between the ages of 16 and 75 and not have had a tattoo in the past 12 months.

Blood supplies during the summer months fall, oftentimes to critical levels with donors taking vacations and colleges and schools on recesses. Help prevent a shortage this summer; remember you can save the lives of three of your neighbors with one donation, so signup today.

**DETAILS ON LEGISLATOR KARA HAHN'S BLOOD DRIVE:**

**DATE:** Friday, July 27, 2012

**TIME:** 1:00 PM to 7:00 PM

**LOCATION:** Port Jefferson Village Center

101A East Broadway

Port Jefferson, New York 11777

**CONTACT:** For an Appointment – (631) 854-1650

For Specific Donation Questions - (800) 688-0900



**Photo (Left to Right):** Legislator Kara Hahn, Port Jefferson Harbor Education & Arts Conservancy Board Member Jeanne Garant and Village Historian Ken Brady

Attention history buffs: Port Jefferson Village Historian Ken Brady has volunteer opportunities for individuals interested in helping to preserve and digitize its vast collection of photos from the late 1800's to today. Once digitized, these treasures will be made available online for anyone interested in stepping back in history.

The Archive was established when the Village's community center was built creating a dedicated space within the center where Port Jefferson's historical records would be scanned and saved into a digital archive.

*during a recent tour of the Village Archive located in the Port Jefferson Village Center.*

In addition to its primary Port Jefferson Collection, the Digital Archive's collections include Belle Terre, Poquott, Terryville, Port Jefferson Station, Miller Place, Mount Sinai, Old Field, Setauket, East Setauket, Stony Brook, Crystal Brook, Coram, Shoreham, Farmingville, Holbrook, Sound Beach, Holtsville, Lake Ronkonkoma, Lake Grove, Rocky Point, Patchogue, Camp Upton, Bayport, Montauk, Echo and Saint James.

Anyone interested in volunteering should contact Historian Ken Brady at (631) 802-2165 or by e-mail: [historian@portjeff.com](mailto:historian@portjeff.com). To view what has already been digitized, please go to the Port Jefferson Village Digital Archive at <http://www.portjeff.com/village-history/> and navigate through the various photos, news articles and maps already posted.

Friends of Karen, Inc. is a children's charity that provides emotional, financial and advocacy support to families with a child, from birth to age 21 living in the New York tri-state region, diagnosed with cancer or any other life-threatening illness. Their local office, right here in Port Jefferson at 21 Perry Street, is here to help families caring for critically-ill children who need assistance to meet the extraordinary demands of their child's illness. Friends of Karen keeps these families together, in their own home, and ensures the well-being of every family member during their difficult time.

Friends of Karen offers individualized case management provided by a team of social workers who help provide emotional assistance to help family members cope; sibling support to address the needs and issues of the brothers and sisters of the sick child; sibling childcare; advocacy and assistance with issues concerning treatment, insurance and education; financial assistance including medical expenses and insurance co-payments, living expenses such as rent or mortgage payments, utilities and food; transportation costs to hospital and treatment facilities and much more.

For more information on Friends of Karen's services or how you can help, please visit [www.friendsofkaren.org](http://www.friendsofkaren.org) or call its local office at 631.473.1768.

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