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SUMMER 2013

Seconds Can Save Lives

Working to Keep Our Children Safe in School

Legislator Anker recently announced a major step forward to protect children and faculty in our schools. At the direction of Resolution 11-2013, authored by the legislator, the Suffolk County Police Department has launched the School Active Violence Emergency (SAVE) Hotline.

The SAVE Hotline offers a direct line of communication between schools and the Suffolk County Police Department while providing law

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enforcement with the exact location of an incident. Callers will receive instant confirmation that police

are responding, and will be kept on the line to provide additional details as events unfold. “We must do everything in our power to protect our children, and with the SAVE Hotline we can offer our schools an additional cost effective option for increased safety,” stated Anker. “Time will be saved by providing



a dedicated line for school emergencies, which in turn, reduces response time. If emergency notification systems are available for banks, hospitals and businesses, why wouldn't we have the same system in place to protect our children? A direct line of communication is critical – seconds can save lives.”

The hotline has the full support of the Executive Board of the Suffolk County School Supervisor's Association, and was passed unanimously by the County Legislature. The Suffolk County Community Response Bureau will mail applications for the hotline to schools in August 2013. A demonstration of the system will take place in late August, and the program is expected to be up and running for the start of the 2013-2014 school year.



Pictured above, Legislator Sarah Anker joins housing applicants and members of the Rocky Point VFW Post 6249 at the Long Island Builders Care Development Corporation's ground breaking ceremony.

Housing For Veterans

A ground breaking ceremony was recently held for a housing subdivision developed exclusively for Long Island veterans.

Through the generosity of the Long Island Home Builders Care Development Corporation (LIHBCDC), six new homes will be constructed for veterans who have served in Iraq and Afghanistan.

This innovative program is the first in the nation, and will provide affordable housing opportunities for those who have bravely served our country. The homes are expected to be completed by Veterans' Day, November 11, 2013.

If you have questions, concerns, ideas or comments contact:

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NOTABLE RECOGNITION



Legislator Anker was joined by her staff and members of The Hope Children's Fund at the **Hope Children's Fund 5K Race**.

President Tom Bove and Quartermaster Adam Gallardo of Longwood Youth Sports Association (LYSA) were recognized for their tireless efforts in promoting youth athletics.



At the **Miller Place Civic Association** meeting, Legislator Anker recognized the **2013 Long Island Cadet of the Year Thor Hawrey**.



Centurion, **Bea Sweeney**, was presented with a certificate of recognition at **Wading River-Shoreham Annual Duck Pond Day**.



To honor our local heroes, Legislator Anker joined the **Sound Beach Civic Association's Memorial Day Service**. Participants included local veterans, students from Miller Place and Rocky Point High School Music Departments, local boy and girl scouts and the Sound Beach Fire Department.



Congratulations to the Mt. Sinai Girls Lacrosse Team on achieving the Class "C" New York State Championship. The team completed their season with a perfect record of 20 wins, zero losses.

OUR EAGLES SCOUT SOAR!

Congratulations to the following scouts for achieving the prestigious rank of Eagle Scout!

- Troop 161** - Michael C. Kelly
- Troop 204** - Alexander Abrams and Kevin Anderson
- Troop 244** - Thomas Lettieri, Daniel O'Connor, Kyle Spira, Dylan Magee, Francis Luglio, Brian Lounsbury, and Shawn Countess
- Troop 384** - Gordon Haner and Kasey Wallace
- Troop 433** - Cory Vogeli and Robert Murdola



Mt. Sinai Flag Day Celebration

Legislator Anker joined girl scouts, boy scouts and Heritage Trust volunteers for Flag Day at North Shore Heritage Park.

Honoring Our Local History



Legislator Anker secured funding for the Rocky Point Historical Society (above) and the Miller Place-Mount Sinai Historical Society (below) to continue the preservation of our rich local history.



Connecting Tesla Science Center With Rails to Trails

Legislator Anker Looks to Link Center, Rails to Trails and Rocky Point Revitalization

Congratulations to the Friends of Science East (the Tesla Science Center at Wardencllyffe) for securing \$1.37 million in funding to purchase the laboratory of scientist, visionary and inventor Nikola Tesla. To honor his legacy, the Shoreham property will be restored and a science learning center and museum will be created.

To compliment the museum, Legislator Anker is working to create a shared parking lot at the museum site for the Rails to Trails bike path. In addition to saving money with the shared parking lot, the Legislator is working with Suffolk County Department of Public Works to provide a bike path design that will be part of Rocky Point's Downtown Revitalization Plan.

"For more than 10 years, the Rails to Trails project has faced challenges and obstacles. The project will provide a safe



place for kids to ride their bikes and enjoy the outdoors while adding economic value to our area," said Legislator Anker. "Studies have shown that trail projects can increase the property value of homes close to the trail as well as surrounding areas."

Legislator Anker has submitted legislation for the required agreement between LIPA and the County to move the project forward. The proximity of the trail to the 5,200-acre RCA state preserve, the Brookhaven State Park and the Tesla Museum, will maximize its ecotourism value and will compliment the gateway to the North Fork's farming community. Funding for the project, which has been allocated from the Federal Highway Administration, may be eliminated in the near future if the project does not move forward.

Protecting Our Water

In an effort to continue advocating for the future of Long Island's aquifer, Legislator Anker has attended a number of environmental forums on water quality, and has recently met with Suffolk County Water Authority administration, as well as New York Institute of Technology Associate Professor of Environment Technology and Director for the Center of Water Resource Management, Sarah Meyland.



"Over use of chemicals in our environment end up in our water"

"Long Island's drinking water comes from a sole source aquifer and protecting it remains my top priority," said Legislator Anker. "I will continue to fight for the clean water we drink and

for clean water in our ponds, harbors and in the Long Island Sound. I will advocate against dumping dredge soils, and also work to remind residents to be mindful of storm water runoff. Over use of chemicals in our environment end up in our water. We must reduce the use of lawn pesticides and dispose of oil and other polluting substances appropriately."

Supporting Cancer Awareness



Legislator Anker attended **Rocky Point's Relay for Life** (above) and **Long Island 2 Day Breast Cancer Walk** (below) in support of cancer awareness.



SPONSORED SUFFOLK COUNTY LEGISLATION

- Introductory Resolution 1533-2013: Directing the Department of Economic Development and Planning, in partnership with State and County Institutions of Higher Education, to Study the Feasibility of **Constructing Affordable Housing for Young Professionals**.
- Resolution 240-2013: Establishing the **Jobs Opportunity Board (JOB)** to Centralize Career Advancements and Educational Opportunities in the County of Suffolk.
- Resolution 113-2013: Directing Suffolk County Dept. of Health to **Study Behavioral Healthcare Services for Incarcerated Youth and Adults**.
- Resolution 11-2013: to Examine the Feasibility of **Installing Emergency Notification Systems in Schools** throughout Suffolk County (SAVE Hotline).
- Resolution 292-2012: Authorizing planning steps for the **acquisition of land** under the Suffolk County Drinking Water Protection Program 23 acres parcel in Middle Island (Country View Estates).
- Resolution 29-2012: **Exempting Commercial Solar Installation from County Sales Tax**.
- Resolution 145-2012 Directing Suffolk County Police Department to **Create a Scam Alert Website**.

Helping Our Kids Stay On Long Island



Legislator Anker recently sponsored two comprehensive pieces of legislation offering options that will help young professionals remain on Long Island.

Resolution 240-2013 established the Jobs Opportunity Board (JOB)

to Centralize Career Advancements and Educational Opportunities. As the County's Education Committee Chairwoman, the legislator is working with local colleges, business organizations, and technology associations to help our school graduates find permanent employment.

"Many of our new graduates have large student loan debt and must find employment immediately after graduation," stated Anker. "I'm looking forward to bringing together job related stakeholders to explore ideas that will help our young adults to find jobs."

Another important piece of the puzzle in keeping our young adults close to home, is providing affordable options for housing. **Introductory Resolution 1533-2013 directs Suffolk County's Department of Economic Development and Planning, in partnership with state and county institutions of higher education, to study the feasibility of constructing affordable workforce housing for young professionals.**

"Many young adults are living in their parents' homes due to limited housing availability," said Anker. "If our future generation can't find jobs and housing, they will have no choice but to leave Long Island. We need to do more to help our kids make the transition from graduating from school to getting a permanent job and home here on Long Island."



BNL Celebrates New Science Facility

Legislator Anker attended Brookhaven National Laboratory's dedication ceremony for their new Interdisciplinary Science Building. The world class research facility provides scientists with an opportunity to work in combined environments that will assist with scientific multi-benefit collaboration. Pictured above (l-r): New York State Senator Kenneth P. Lavalle, Legislator Sarah Anker, SUNY Stony Brook President Sam Stanley, Jr. and BNL Director Doon Gibbs.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Located at St. Anthony's Church - 614 Rt. 25A Rocky Point:

Downtown Rocky Point
Summer Concert Series
Presented by
Legislator Sarah S. Anker
& the Rocky Point VFW

July 23rd 7:00PM	August 6th 7:00PM	August 13th 7:00PM	August 20th 7:00PM
 The Ultimate Beatles Tribute	 Authentic Swing In Living Color	 The Ultimate Billy Joel Tribute	 The Ultimate Billy Joel Tribute

St. Anthony of Padua R.C. Church Rain Date August 27th
Sponsored by Suffolk County

Located at North Shore Heritage Park - 633 Mt. Sinai-Coram Rd. Mt. Sinai

Heritage Park
Summer Concert
Presented by
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The Rocky Point VFW & The Heritage Trust

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Organization of Open Mic Performing Artists and School of Rock, Port Jefferson
July 31st, 2013 6:30PM to 8:30PM
Sponsored by Suffolk County

Community Chat

Join Legislator Anker for two town-hall style meetings to share your thoughts on community related issues.

Monday, September 16 - 7:00 p.m.

Shoreham Town Hall, 80 Woodville Rd, Shoreham

Tuesday, October 15 - 7:00 p.m.

North Shore Heritage Center
633 Mt. Sinai Coram Rd, Mount Sinai

SUPPORT FIRE DEPARTMENTS

Our local volunteer fire departments provide a valuable service to our community. Please consider supporting your local volunteer fire department through annual fund drives and community projects. For more information contact Suffolk County's Fire Rescue Emergency Services at (631) 852-4855.



Legislator Anker attended the Mt. Sinai Volunteer Fire Department annual installation dinner at Majestic Gardens.