



From Your Suffolk County Legislator **Sarah S. Anker** District 6 - Winter 2013

In response to the devastating effects of Hurricane Sandy, Legislator Anker visited the Fire, Rescue Emergency Services (FRES) Emergency Operations Center in Yaphank to offer her support.

“Through close communication and collaboration with all levels of government, I closely monitored the status of service restoration until all residents were back online,” said Legislator Anker. “In addition to thanking the dedicated men and women of FRES, I’d also like to thank our local fire departments and emergency services for their commitment and service to the community.”



Additionally, the legislator toured Suffolk County Community College’s Brentwood campus where out-of-state repair workers and emergency service personnel were being housed.

“As Chair of the Education & Information Technology Committee, I commend the college on their proactive approach in dealing with Hurricane Sandy’s aftermath. The out-of-state emergency personnel and restoration workers who were housed at the staging area on the Michael J. Grant Campus expressed to me that they were so thankful for the warm welcome and comfortable accommodations provided to them throughout the restoration efforts. I would like to extend my sincere thanks to the college and President Dr. Shaun McKay, for their support, which ultimately benefitted all residents of Suffolk County.”

Summer Concert Series Celebration!

The 2012 Rocky Point Summer Concert Series, sponsored by Legislator Anker, provided more than 10,000 residents with evenings filled with fun and enjoyable musical performances.

“The turnout was tremendous, the bands were incredibly talented, and everyone had a wonderful time. I look forward to planning next year’s series,” said Legislator Anker.



Legislator Anker extends her thanks to Co-sponsors Rocky Point VFW Post 6249, Father Richard of St. Anthony of Padua Church, Suffolk County Parks Department, Town of Brookhaven Highway Department, and the Suffolk County Police Department for their support in making the concert series a great success. The concerts help support local businesses by bringing tourism to our area. Please remember to shop locally to help our community and economy! Pictured above, local residents enjoying concert; center, Big Shot performs to a huge crowd of over 6,000; and right, Rocky Point VFW Post 6249 members with Legislator Anker.



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Celebrating With Our Seniors

Legislator Anker attended the Annual Senior Citizens' Picnic held at Longwood Estate sponsored by the Town of Brookhaven Senior Citizen Division (pictured right).

"The picnic is a wonderful event that provides me with an opportunity to meet with constituents and address their concerns," said Legislator Anker. "Resident seniors can obtain a vast amount of resources through Suffolk County's Senior Services Department. As Vice Chair of the County's Senior Committee, I look forward to prioritizing our seniors' needs and concerns."



Honoring Our Veterans

In honor of our veterans, Legislator Anker participated in the 18th Annual Flag Placement Ceremony at Calverton National Cemetery.

"Honoring the many veterans who have defended our nation is truly a humbling experience," said Legislator Anker. "As Vice Chair of the Veterans committee, and having been raised in a military family, I will continue to support and honor those who have sacrificed for our freedom."

Recognizing Community Leaders

Legislator Sarah Anker presented a proclamation to former Miller Place Civic Association President Kathy Rousseau for her 20+ years of volunteer work in Miller Place.

"Kathy has given so much of her time to her community, and I thank her for her commitment and dedication," said Legislator Anker. *Pictured above, Kathy Rousseau, Legislator Anker and current Miller Place Civic Association President Woody Brown.*



Supporting Local Businesses

Buy Local at the Rocky Point Farmers Market!



Legislator Anker joined hundreds of community members at the Rocky Point Farmers market. Open on Sunday mornings, the market features organically grown local produce, vegetables, fruit, eggs, plants and baked goods. The event is sponsored by Rocky Point Civic Association.

Green Energy Summit

Legislator Sarah recently hosted the Green Energy Summit for Contractors at the Heritage Center in Mt. Sinai. Guest speakers discussed new opportunities to benefit contractors, and how Suffolk County can help to create local jobs, as well as provide energy savings for residents.

"As the former Energy Director for the Town of Brookhaven, I created and facilitated energy saving programs for Brookhaven residents as well as created job opportunities for local contractors. As your County Legislator, I look forward to facilitating new energy and cost saving opportunities on a county level," said Legislator Anker.



Congratulations To Our Scouts

Congratulations to the following scouts for attaining the highest accomplishment as 2012 Eagle Scouts:

Troop 244 - Zachary Myslinski, Robert John DiCandia Jr., and Corey Richards

Troop 433 - Daniel Klein

Troop 384 - Thomas Bundy and Patrick Holomshek

Troop 433 - Jamal C. Douglas

Troop 204 - Christopher Argento, Dean Zeffer, David Yonks and Kyle Matura



In recognition of the Girl Scouts of America's 100th birthday, Legislator Anker attended a special celebration that included a picnic, rides and games.



Legislator Sarah Anker joined Boy Scout Troop 384 at Cedar Beach to promote the use of sunscreen to prevent skin cancer.

Recognizing Our Volunteers



At the General Meeting of the Legislature, Legislator Anker presented a proclamation to Janet Godfrey, Founder and President of **Operation Veronica** as well as organization volunteers for their tireless efforts in supporting the brave men and women who serve our country.

Legislator Anker joined American Cancer Society representatives for the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Breakfast.



Legislator Anker Attended the **Rocky Point Relay For Life**, held at Rocky Point High School. The event raised more than \$100,000 for cancer research.



Celebrating the Constitution

In honor of Constitution Week, Legislator Anker joined members of the Anna Smith Strong Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

"I'm honored to recognize the Daughters of the American Revolution Anna Smith Strong Chapter for their dedication and volunteer work on behalf of our communities," said Legislator Anker.

Academic Initiatives and Creating Job Opportunities



Legislator Anker Joins Congressman to Announce Returning Veterans Training Program

Legislator Sarah Anker joined Congressman Steve Israel as he announced new legislation that provides grants for returning military veterans to enroll in Suffolk Community College's Workforce Manufacturing Training program.



Long Island's most influential business and industry leaders joined Legislator Anker at Suffolk County Community College's Workforce Development and Technology Center Showcase to demonstrate how the College continues to cultivate and advance Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) initiatives.

Pictured above is Gov. Mario Cuomo Long Island Dir. Scott Martella, SCCC President Dr. Shaun McKay, and SCCC Workforce Development Director John Lombardo.



Creating New Employment Opportunities

A job fair was recently held at the North Shore Public Library in Shoreham. Sponsored by the Suffolk County One-Stop Employment Center, the fair provided job seekers with an opportunity to connect with several employers in one location.

"I urge residents who are looking for employment to attend one of our local job fairs," said Legislator Anker. "With so many community members searching for employment, the Suffolk County Employment Center continues to offer a comprehensive one-stop approach to the job search."

County Sponsored Legislation

-IR 1187: Legislator Anker sponsored legislation directing the Suffolk County Police Department to set up a "Scam Alert" website.

-IR 1061: Sponsored a law to authorize the planning for the acquisition of 24 acres of land in Middle Island.

- IR 1119: Co-sponsored legislation to review Green Infrastructure options when County roads and parking lots are paved.

IR 1162: Legislator Anker is a co-sponsor of Presiding Officer William J. Lindsay's proposed ban of the use of coal tar-based seal coat in Suffolk County.

-IR 1577: As a continued commitment to protect and preserve ground and surface water, Legislator Anker co-sponsored legislation requiring public notification of sewage contamination.

-IR 1797: Legislator Anker co-sponsored a law to establish boat safety instruction requirements.

-IR 1872: Legislator Anker co-sponsored legislation to permit the Suffolk County Cooperative Library System to purchase fuel from the County.

County Legislature Approves Scam Alert

The Legislature unanimously approved a bill sponsored by Legislator Sarah Anker that created a website to alert residents of various scams being conducted through mail, phone and the internet.

"In creating the scam alert website, the county will provide information to residents about scams that are occurring throughout the county," said Legislator Anker. "Residents who have experienced deceptive practices will be able to send information to the Suffolk County Police Department who will then determine if it warrants to be posted on the website. By providing information and creating awareness, we can reduce and deter those who are conducting scams."

To view the website, go to www.suffolkpd.org and click on the Scam Alerts link.

