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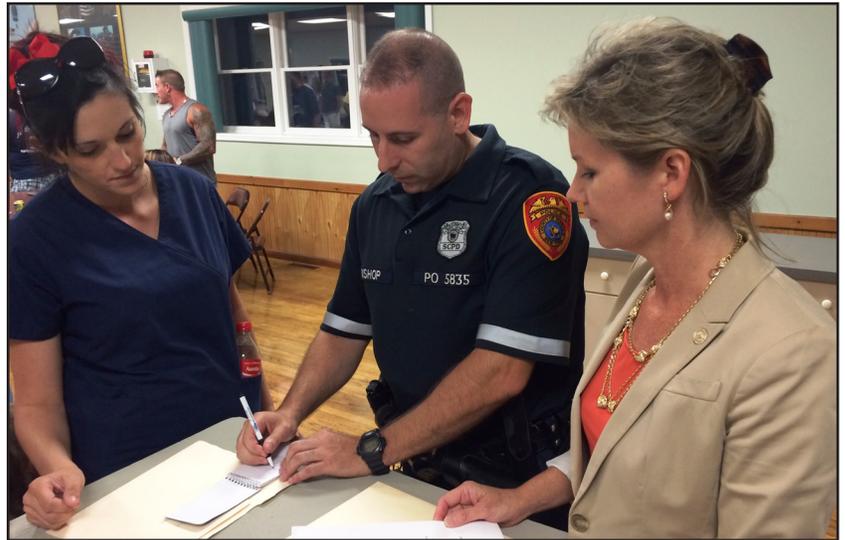
Neighborhood Watch

Rocky Point Residents Sign Up to Start Community Watch Groups

In response to a string of burglaries in the Rocky Point community, Legislator Anker partnered with the Suffolk County Police Department and local residents to facilitate a neighborhood meeting which led to the formation of many Neighborhood Watch groups through Rocky Point.

“If you see something, say something,” said Legislator Anker. “Rocky Point residents will not tolerate crime in their community, and with the initiation of a neighborhood watch they will be able to monitor suspicious activity in their neighborhoods.”

Neighborhood Watches have been proven to reduce crime within communities. Deterrents for crime include neighborhood watch signs, social media, and community meetings. The Rocky Point Neighborhood Watch meeting was one of the largest meetings in Suffolk County with over



Legislator Anker Facilitates Neighborhood Watch programs at Rocky Point's VFW Community Hall.

20 residents signing up as Neighborhood Watch Captains.

“Communication is key in reducing crime in neighborhoods,” said Anker. The Seventh Precinct COPE Unit will be working with the Rocky Point community to form Neighborhood Watches. If you are interested in participating in a Neighborhood Watch, call Legislator Anker's office at 631-854-1600.

www.SuffolkStopBullying.org

Suffolk County Launches New Website to Help Stop Bullying in Our Schools

“According to bullying statistics, 160,000 U.S. children miss school each day for fear of being bullied,” said Legislator Anker, Chairwoman of the county's Education and Information Technology Committee. “Cyber-bullying has increased dramatically over the past several years, and this new website will allow the county to assist families by providing valuable resources to those who need support.”

The website is the result of

Anker's legislation, IR-1198, passed unanimously by the Suffolk County Legislature. The resolution directed the County's Department of Information Technology, Department of Health Services and Suffolk County Police Department to develop and publish a website dedicated to bullying prevention and awareness.

The New York State Dignity Act requires that all schools must designate a point person, known as a Dignity Act

Coordinator (DAC), to assist students who feel that they are being bullied. Concerned that many residents were unaware of the requirement, Anker was inspired to create the website to educate families about available anti-bullying resources.

“I encourage all students, parents and teachers to use the website and get the word out that there is a resource for students being bullied,” said Anker.

Liquid Nicotine Warning

Tragic Death of Child Prompts Warning Legislation

“Many people are unaware that liquid nicotine is dangerous,” said Legislator Anker. “Not only has a child recently died from ingesting the liquid, but recent reports found that the product may contain cancer causing chemicals. Some flavors may be enticing to small children and even a small spill of liquid nicotine onto the skin of an adult, child or pet can cause nicotine poisoning.”

Legislator Anker has introduced legislation to require all retail businesses who sell liquid nicotine to post a Liquid Nicotine Warning Sign by their register.

Liquid nicotine can cause nicotine addiction, poisoning, and in some cases, may be lethal. According to the federal Center for Disease Control, calls to poison control centers involving liquid nicotine products have increased sharply, with more than 50% of those calls involving chil-

dren under the age of five.

The warning will state: KEEP OUT OF CHILDREN’S REACH and INGESTION OF LIQUID NICOTINE MAY BE FATAL.

New York State recently passed legislation requiring child proof caps on e-liquid containers and banned the sell of the product to residents under 21 years old.

“The tragic death of the child from Fort Plain, New York makes it painfully clear that liquid nicotine is a real and immediate threat to our residents in Suffolk County,” said Legislator Anker. “The more information we can give to our residents about a potentially dangerous product, the better we can protect our kids.”



Holiday Magic at Mt. Sinai High School

Mt. Sinai High School SADD- Students Against Destructive Decisions held their 4th Annual Turkey Trot 5K and Fun Run, raising donations for Holiday Magic, an organization that provides food, clothing and toys for our residents in need.



Pet-Adopt-a-Thon in Sound Beach

Legislator Sarah Anker joined the Sound Beach Civic Association for its Third Annual Pet-Adopt-a-Thon. The event took place at the Hartlin Inn and was attended by animal rescue groups and supporters. “Many of our local animal shelters provide pets that would make excellent companions,” said Legislator Anker.

Tesla Science Center

Legislator Anker recognized the Tesla Science Center at Wardencllyffe for its efforts to preserve the laboratory of renowned scientist Nikola Tesla. The center, located in Shoreham, is the only remaining laboratory of Nikola Tesla, the inventor of wireless technology, alternating current electricity and neon lighting. For more information about the Tesla Science Center, visit www.teslasciencecenter.org.



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