



SUFFOLK COUNTY LEGISLATOR

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REPRESENTING SUFFOLK'S 6TH DISTRICT

Field of Dreams Proposed to Replace Blighted Property

Suffolk County Legislator Sarah Anker has proposed acquiring the blighted Kmart property in Middle Island, located on Middle Country Road across from Artist Lake, to create a community park with athletic fields. Currently, the owner is in the process of demolishing the building structure, which has remained vacant for over a decade. Legislator Anker has proposed working with Suffolk County, the Town of Brookhaven, community organizations, including the Longwood Youth Sports Association (LYSA) and Middle Island Civic Association, and the current owner to create a community park that would help decrease crime and improve quality of life for residents.



“This blighted parcel has the potential to be transformed into a much needed community park that will include athletic fields, open space, and provide a place for residents to enjoy the outdoors,” said Legislator Anker. “I look forward to working with the community and the owner of the property to make this Field of Dreams come true.”

Legislator Anker has received a letter of interest from the owners expressing willingness to sell a portion of the 74 acres. Legislator Anker is looking to acquire about 40-45 acres for active parkland and open space. The remaining 30-35 acres could still be used for development. Legislator Anker will soon submit a resolution to appraise the site, which will need to be approved by the Suffolk County Legislature and County Executive Steve Bellone.

“The land acquisition process can be lengthy, sometimes taking over a year. With the support of the community, I will do everything in my power to facilitate the acquisition of this important parcel that will become a community centerpiece,” said Legislator Anker.

SWR Girl Scouts Honored for Receiving Gold Award



The Gold Award is the most prestigious award in Girl Scouting and challenges young women to change the world. On Tuesday, May 3rd, Suffolk County Legislator Sarah Anker had the pleasure of honoring Shayna DelVecchio, Inger-Marie O'Toole and Rebecca Schotte for earning their Gold Awards. The three girls were recognized at the annual ceremonies for Girl Scout Service Unit 669 of Shoreham-Wading River.

"I commend the girls on achieving such an honorable recognition," said Legislator Anker. "They have proven themselves to be leaders in our community and excellent role models for their peers."

In order to earn the Gold Award, Girl Scouts must implement an individual community project that reaches beyond the Girl Scout organization and provides a sustainable, lasting benefit. Shayna created wall murals for the nonprofit organization Angela's House, Inger-Marie raised guinea hens to help reduce the tick and chigger population on her high school's recreation trail, and Rebecca built book shelves for the Children's Developmental Daycare Program in Centereach.

The Girl Scouts of Suffolk County is an organization dedicated to empowering and teaching important values to young girls. For more information please visit <http://www.gssc.us/>.

Suffolk County Zika Action Day

Suffolk County Zika Action Day is on Saturday, May 14th, 2016. Together we can reduce the number of mosquitoes in our community and stay informed to prevent the spread of the Zika virus. Please read the information below for helpful tips to reduce mosquitoes around your home and yard. To receive a hard copy of this information, please call Legislator Sarah Anker's office at 631-854-1600.

MOSQUITOES & THE ZIKA VIRUS:



Information & tips on how to reduce risk from the Suffolk County Department of Health Services

ZIKA VIRUS

The Zika virus was first found in humans in 1952 in Africa. In May 2015, the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) issued an alert regarding the first confirmed Zika virus infection in Brazil. As of April 2016, all cases of Zika virus in New York have been associated with travel to areas where outbreaks are taking place.

Infection with Zika virus is usually mild, with most people showing no symptoms. However it is now established as a cause of severe birth defects and serious medical complications. If you are pregnant or are trying to get pregnant and think that you may have been exposed to the Zika virus, or if your partner recently traveled to an area with Zika virus, you should discuss it with your OB-GYN or primary care provider.



PROTECT YOURSELF FROM MOSQUITO BITES

- Cover your skin: wear shoes and socks, long pants and a long-sleeved shirt when outdoors for long periods or when mosquitoes are more active.
- Apply repellent according to label directions.
- Cover baby carriers with mosquito netting when outside.
- Close doors and make sure windows have screens on them.

See the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention web site for more information:
<http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/page/avoid-bug-bites>

PRECAUTIONS WHEN USING MOSQUITO REPELLENTS

- Avoid prolonged and excessive use of repellents.
- Use only EPA-registered repellents that contain between 20% and 35% DEET.
- Do not allow children to apply repellents themselves. Apply to your own hands and then put it on the child. Do not apply to children's hands. Do NOT use repellent on babies younger than two months old.
- Do not apply near eyes, nose or mouth; use sparingly near ears.
- Do not apply to sunburned, cut, bruised or irritated skin.
- After returning indoors, wash skin and clothing. Other repellents protect against mosquitoes but may not be effective against ticks or other bugs: Picaridin (a.k.a. KBR 3023, Bayrepel, and Icaridin); Oil of lemon eucalyptus (OLE) or para-menthane-diol (PMD); and IR3535.



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May 14th is Suffolk County Zika Action Day

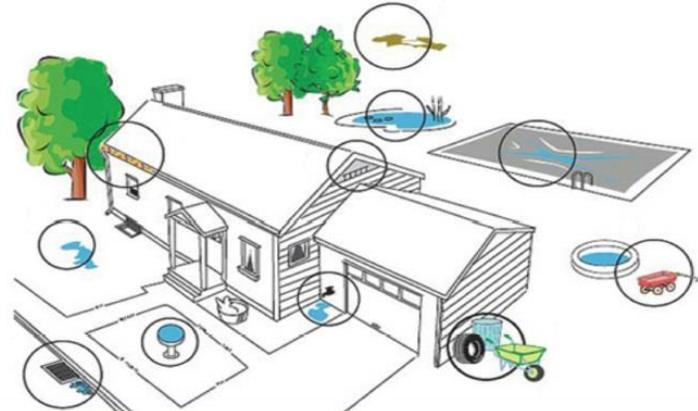
Together we can reduce the numbers of mosquitoes in our communities & stay informed to prevent the spread of the Zika virus.

On May 14th, post a photo of what you & your family are doing to reduce mosquitoes around your home with the hashtag #ZikaActionNY

REDUCE MOSQUITOES AROUND YOUR HOME & YARD

Mosquitoes lay their eggs in or near water, and their offspring "grow up" in water before emerging as adults that fly and bite. Therefore, mosquitoes can be controlled by controlling water.

1. Dump water frequently from outdoor items such as children's toys, bird baths, planters, dog bowls, and garbage cans. Turn upside down, cover, or drill holes in the bottom of items that can hold water.
2. Dispose of used tires, which are a significant mosquito-breeding site. Call your local municipal public works office or the DEC Regional Office to find out how to dispose of used tires properly.
3. Unclog gutters.
4. Tend to your yard and fill in any holes with dirt where water could accumulate.
5. Drain water from pool covers and maintain swimming pools and other water features, such as hot tubs, fountains and ponds.
6. Make sure all window and door screens are free of holes and rips that could let mosquitoes inside.



#ZikaActionNY



Lifesaving Phone Numbers

Police Hotline for Non-Emergency Complaints:
631-852-COPS (2677)

Residents should call this number with quality-of-life complaints. It frees up the 911 line for true life-threatening emergencies, yet still provides residents with an avenue for calling the police.

Tip Hotline for Suspected Drug Activity:
631-852-NARC (6227)

As part of a redirected approach to fighting drug abuse in Suffolk County, a new tips hotline has been created for residents to report suspected drug sales and drug activity in their neighborhoods.

Suffolk County's Substance Abuse Hotline:
631-979-1700

The Suffolk County Dept. of Health Services has partnered with the Long Island Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence (LICADD) to operate a 24/7 hotline to connect callers to treatment services.

Legislator Anker Recognizes Local Firefighters

Throughout the months of March and April, Legislator Anker had the opportunity to recognize our local heroes who serve in our volunteer fire departments. The local departments work together to protect us and create a safe community. They deserve nothing but our utmost gratitude for their dedication and service. At the installation dinners of the Miller Place Fire Department, Middle Island Fire Department, Sound Beach Fire Department, Mount Sinai Fire Department and Ridge Fire Department, Legislator Anker was privileged to give honorable recognition awards, as well as recognize those who have served in the military. Veteran recognition pins were awarded to following members at each department:

Middle Island Fire Department:

Charlie Nassar, Frank Theobold, Erik Kahl, Matthew Hanley, Walter Olszewski, Richard Schor, John Saportio, Allen Olsen Jr., Ray Currado and Rudy Drisco.

Sound Beach Fire Department:

Robert Polaski, Christopher MacElveen, James Ford, Ed Hudson, Anthony J. Russo Jr., Brian McGrath, Thomas Strauch, and Kenneth Thuilot.

Ridge Fire Department:

Gerard Assetto, Michael Bartholomay, Paul Callegari, Peter Cuti, Edward Meehan, Fred Meyer, John Mirando, John Mirando III, Bob Pakoski, Allan Pearsall, James Scuttina, Remo Mazzi, Phillip Travers, Robert Sorentino. Douglas Foy, Seth Morganstern, Phillip Brabent, Joshua Flynn, Keith DelVecchio, Nicholas Bellones. Patrick Brand, Kathy Payne, Stephan DeLena, and Arron Woreth.

Mount Sinai Fire Department:

Todd Barraud, George Beckman, Nano Bustamante, William Cassenaar, John Guilfoyle, Janis Henderson, Henry Knoernschild, Gerry Marino, Noel Nunez, Robert Pobjecky, John Purcell, Edward Schultz, Paul Staudt, James Stravino Sr., Anthony Tricarzio, Nicholas Zoly.

Miller Place Fire Department:

John Hagermann, Don Nimphius, Michele Devaux, Robert Foley, Alvin Johnson, Scott Walsh, Chris Lall, Mike Higley, Joe McCrain Jr., John Quinn, Guy Schneider, Jack Katrina, and Thomas Crosby.





Community Spotlight



Gail Lynch-Bailey

At the General Meeting of the Suffolk County Legislature on March 22nd, Legislator Anker was pleased to honor Gail Lynch-Bailey as the 2016 Suffolk County Woman of Distinction. Every year, the County Executive chooses a woman who has demonstrated exceptional leadership and dedication to her community. Gail is the President of the Middle Island Civic Association, the Longwood Public Library's Board of Trustees, and the Longwood Alliance. Every year, Gail coordinates the annual Memorial Day, Veterans Day, and Pearl Harbor Day ceremonies.



Frank Rivera

On April 12th, alongside the Suffolk County Legislature, Legislator Anker honored Frank Rivera of the organization Sarcoidosis of Long Island. Frank is a strong advocate of the rare disease Sarcoidosis and has traveled throughout the country to raise awareness. In March, he was one of 17 people named as a Patient Ambassador for New York, Massachusetts and Maine. Frank also helps to organize awareness walks right here on Long Island. On April 16th, he helped host the 2nd Annual Long Island Sarcoidosis Awareness Walk at Heritage Park.

Save the Date: Summer Concert Series

Downtown Rocky Point

Summer Concert Series

Presented by
Legislator Sarah S. Anker
& the Rocky Point VFW Post 6249

<p>August 2nd 7:00PM</p>  <p>SWINGTIME BIG BAND <i>Authentic Swing in Living Color</i></p>	<p>August 9th 7:00PM</p>  <p>SOUTHBOUND.LI</p>	<p>August 16th 7:00PM</p>  <p>Mike DelGuidice & BIG SHOT Celebrating the Music of Billy Joel</p>	<p>August 23rd 7:00PM</p>  <p>Strawberry Fields The Ultimate Beatles Tribute</p>
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St. Anthony of Padua R.C. Church in Rocky Point **Rain Date August 30th**
Sponsored by Suffolk County
Please Refrain From Use of Alcohol or Tobacco on Church Grounds - Thank You!



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