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Striving to Keep Our Seniors on Long Island: **Legislator Anker Announces Major Senior Initiatives for 2016**



Legislator Anker with Anna Senatore, Utility Consumer Program Specialist with the Department of Public Service, VFW Commander Joe Copgnitore, Charlie McAtree from AARP, and residents of the Leisure Village, Leisure Knoll, and Leisure Glen communities.

ROCKY POINT, N.Y. – Since entering office in 2011, Suffolk County Legislator Sarah Anker has put improving the quality of life for seniors at the top of her list. As the newly appointed chairwoman of the Seniors and Consumer Protection Committee, Legislator Anker announced several major initiatives on January 22nd at the Rocky Point VFW Post 6249. Her goal is to provide financial relief to seniors struggling to remain on Long Island and improve their quality of life.

“The rising cost of living on Long Island has taken a toll on all residents and families in Suffolk County, but especially on our senior population, many whom have a fixed income,” said Legislator Anker. “I look forward to advocating on their behalf. I will continue to work with all levels of



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government to develop senior programs and find solutions to the financial strain imposed on our seniors.”

Outlining her senior initiatives for 2016, Legislator Anker said her first priority is to work with the New York State Public Service Commission, an entity of the Department of Public Service, to appoint a senior representative as an adviser. The Public Service Commission regulates and oversees utilities in New York State, such as gas, water, electric and telecommunication. The initiative was developed after Legislator Anker was informed that some seniors living in all-electric communities within her district pay up to \$1,000 per month for electric. To combat rising utility costs, the senior representative on the commission would be a voice for all seniors living on Long Island. In addition, Legislator Anker will continue to advocate for a special discounted electric rate for seniors with PSEG.



Leisure Knoll HOA President Bill Kane and Vice President Phyllis Sullivan discuss energy concerns with Legislator Anker.

Legislator Anker is also creating a Senior Advisory Panel for her legislative district, which includes Mt. Sinai, Miller Place, Sound Beach, Rocky Point, Shoreham, Wading River, Ridge, Middle Island and Coram. The Senior Advisory Panel will include representatives from the community and will work to address concerns such as access to public transportation, utility rates, and government services. Legislator Anker will coordinate with several organizations, including AARP, to advance these initiatives.

For more information about Legislator Anker’s initiatives for 2016 or for information about the Seniors & Consumer Protection Committee, please contact Legislator Anker’s office at (631) 854-1600. The committee schedule for the Suffolk County Legislature can soon be found online at www.legis.suffolkcountyny.gov.

Senior residents may also acquire Senior Identification Cards, discount lists, and Suffolk County service information at Legislator Anker’s office, located at 620 Route 25A, Suite B, in Mount Sinai.

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