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Don't Let the Weather Leave You Out in the Cold: Legislator D'Amaro Urges Seniors to Visit Suffolk County Senior Advocates

(HUNTINGTON STATION, NY... January 23, 2012) – Legislator Lou D'Amaro (D-Huntington Station) is alerting local residents about the newly-released Suffolk County Office for the Aging Winter 2012 Senior Advocate Schedule. Senior Advocates are County representatives who come out to the local community on a regular basis and assist seniors with information gathering, completion of eligibility or recertification applications and referrals to appropriate community agencies.

“During the brutal winter months, it becomes increasingly difficult for many of our seniors to get around and access information about crucial programs,” D'Amaro said. “Nobody should ever have to go without heat, food or other necessities, which is why our Senior Advocates literally bring these vital programs and services directly to our seniors in their own communities.”

Senior Advocates meet with interested and needy seniors aged 60 and over at regularly-scheduled times in specific locations throughout the community. This winter, they will be visiting the following locations in the Town of Huntington:

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- Huntington Nutrition Center: Wednesdays, Jan. 25, Feb. 29 and March 28 from 9 am – 12 pm
- Paumanack Village I & II (Greenlawn): Tuesdays Jan. 31, Feb. 21 and March 27 from 10 am – 1 pm
- South Huntington Library: Thursdays, Jan. 26 and March 22 from 10 am – 11:30 am
- Paumanack Village III & IV (Greenlawn): Thursday, Feb. 9 from 10 am – 12 pm
- Paumanack Village V & VI (Melville): Tuesdays, Feb. 14 and March 13 from 9 am – 12 pm
- Huntington Library, Monday, March 12 from 10 am – 12 pm

Advocates provide assistance with food stamps, Medicare savings programs, Medicaid applications and Heating Emergency Assistance Program (HEAP) applications, as well as answer questions and make additional recommendations and referrals.

For more information about available services, or for directions to any of the aforementioned locations, please call the Suffolk County Office for the Aging at (631) 853-8200. Appointments are encouraged although nobody will ever be turned away and drop-ins are welcome.

“Senior citizens are the backbone of our community, and for more than three decades, the Suffolk County Office for the Aging has assisted these very important residents by giving them full and trouble-free access to critical services,” D’Amaro said. “I urge every senior resident to take full advantage of this professional community outreach program so that they don’t miss out on the County’s network of services.”

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Suffolk County Legislator Lou D’Amaro (D-Huntington Station) represents the 17th Legislative District, which includes parts of Huntington Station, South Huntington, Huntington, West Hills, Melville, Dix Hills, Deer Park, North Babylon and West Babylon.. He is Chairman of the Budget & Finance committee, Vice-Chairman of the Environment, Planning & Agriculture committee, and a member of the Human Services and Public Safety committees of the Suffolk County Legislature.