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Legislator D'Amaro and County Office for the Aging Announce Winter Senior Advocate Schedule

(HUNTINGTON STATION, NY... December 15, 2015) – Legislator Lou D'Amaro (D-Huntington Station) is alerting local residents about the Suffolk County Office for the Aging Winter 2016 Senior Advocate Schedule. Senior advocates are County representatives who come out into the community and assist seniors with information gathering, completion of eligibility or recertification applications and referrals to appropriate community agencies.

“With the cold and unpredictable winter weather imminent, it’s an ideal time for Suffolk County seniors to make plans to get out and visit with their local senior advocates to learn more about all of the critical programs that are available,” D'Amaro said. “Nobody should ever have to go without heat, food, medical attention 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 Babylon:

- Deer Park Library, 44 Lake Avenue, Deer Park: Fridays, January 2 and March 18, 9 am – 11 am

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- Lindenhurst Library, 1 Lee Avenue, Lindenhurst: Monday, February 29, 10 am – 11:30 am
- North Amityville Nutrition Center, 48-C Cedar Road, Amityville: Tuesdays, January 5, February 2 and March 1, 10 am – 1 pm
- Rainbow Center, 293 Buffalo Avenue, Lindenhurst: Wednesdays, January 6, February 4 & March 2, 8:30 am – 11 am
- Spangle Drive Center, 483 Spangle Drive, North Babylon: Mondays, January 4, February 1 & March 7, 8:30 am – 11 am
- Tanner Park Nutrition Center, #2 Tanner Park, Copiague: Wednesdays, January 20, February 17 & March 16, 8:30 am – 12:30 pm
- West Babylon Library, 211 Route 109, West Babylon: Thursdays, January 28 & March 24, 1 pm – 3 pm
- Wyandanch Nutrition Center, 28 Wyandanch Avenue, Wyandanch: Fridays, January 8, January 22, February 5, February 28, March 4 & March 18, 9:30 am – 1 pm

They will be visiting the following locations in the Town of Huntington:

- Huntington Library, 338 Main Street, Huntington: Mondays, January 11 & March 14, 10 am – 12 pm
- Huntington Senior Nutrition Center, 423 Park Avenue, Huntington: Wednesdays, January 27, February 24 & March 23, 8:30 am – 11:30 am
- Paumanack Village I & II, 650 Paumanack Village Drive, Greenlawn: Tuesdays, January 26, 10 am – 12:30 pm and February 23 & March 22, 10 am – 1 pm
- Paumanack Village V & VI, 100 Adriatic Drive, Melville: Thursdays, January 28, February 25 & March 24, 8:30 am – 11:30 am

Advocates assist with the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP – formerly known as food stamps), Medicare Savings Program and Heating Emergency Assistance Program (HEAP) applications. They also can provide information on Medicare including preventive care services now available under the Affordable Care Act, as well as answer questions and make additional recommendations and referrals.

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For more information about available services, or for directions to any of these or other County locations, please call the Suffolk County Office for the Aging at (631) 853-8200. Appointments are encouraged but drop-ins are also 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 represents the 17th Legislative District, which includes parts of Huntington, Huntington Station, South Huntington, Melville, West Hills, Cold Spring Hills, Dix Hills, Deer Park, North Babylon and West Babylon. He is chairman of the Budget & Finance committee and a member of the Education & Information Technology and Human Services committees of the Suffolk County Legislature.