Community Update

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Legislator Tom Muratore Recognizes Honorees at Ronkonkoma Fire Department's Installation Dinner

Selden, NY - Suffolk County Legislator Tom Muratore recently attended the Ronkonkoma Fire Department's Annual Inspection and Installation Dinner, held at Villa Lombardi's in Holbrook.

Legislator Muratore presented proclamations to several members of the Department who've served for 30 or more years. "It was a pleasure recognizing those members who've volunteered many years to protect and serve the community," commented Legislator Muratore. "I am grateful to Chief Santoli and the entire Ronkonkoma Fire Department for their commitment to public safety.

Photo caption: (left to right)-Suffolk County Legislator Tom Muratore, New York State Assemblyman Al Graf, Chief of Department Jonathan Santoli, and Suffolk County Comptroller John Kennedy.

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- ***Vice Chair***-Public Works, Transportation and Energy
- ***Member***-Environment, Planning and Agriculture
- ***Member***-Seniors and Consumer Protection

Legislators Muratore and Kennedy Hold 3rd Annual Women's Resource Fair in Centereach

(Left to right): Nan Lombardi and Arlene Hoffman, both from the Suffolk County Women's Advisory Commission, Legislator Tom Muratore, Legislator Leslie Kennedy, Lori Abbatepaolo, Sophia Serlis-McPhillips, Director, Middle Country Public Library, Elizabeth Malafi, Miller Business Resource Center, Valerie Manzo, Esq., and Brookhaven Town Councilman Kevin LaValle.

Legislator Tom Muratore, Legislator Leslie Kennedy, the Middle Country Public Library recently held their Third Annual Women's Resource Fair at the library's Centereach location. Nearly 40 vendors participated, offering goods and services geared specifically toward women. From home jewelry businesses, health and wellness, legal and local government resources, and financial and career planning, spectators browsed the library floor to see what vendors had to offer.

The 4th Legislative District is located in the Town of Brookhaven, which includes Farmingville, Selden, Centereach, the Brookhaven Town portion of Ronkonkoma and parts of Coram, Holbrook, and Port Jefferson Station.

Legislator Tom Muratore Attends the Renaming of VFW Post 400 In Memory of Two Local Heroes

(Left) Army Ranger Sgt. Jason Santora, (center) Suffolk County Legislator Kate Browning, VFW members Charles Trabold, Guillermo Sandoval, and John Rago, Suffolk County Legislator Tom Muratore and Suffolk County Legislator Kara Hahn, and (right) Air National Guard Staff Sgt. Louis Bonacasa.

Legislator Tom Muratore recently joined his colleagues, veterans, and other community leaders at a ceremony to rename VFW Post#400 in Farmingville in honor of two local military heroes who died in the line of duty.

Army Ranger Sgt. Jason Santora, 25 of Farmingville, and Air National Guard Staff Sgt. Louis Bonacasa, 31 of Coram were both stationed in Afghanistan, and both made the ultimate sacrifice while defending our country. In their memory, the post has been renamed the Sgt. Jason Santora-Sgt. Louis Bonacasa Memorial Post 400.

"What a beautiful ceremony," stated Legislator Tom Muratore. "Through tears, family and friends spoke of Sgts. Santora and Bonacasa, and the impact both men had on their lives. My heart goes out to those who mourn their loss; renaming the post is a wonderful tribute to these heroes, and a way to keep their memories alive."

Grand Openings in the Fourth Legislative District

Business is booming in the Fourth Legislative District, and Suffolk County Legislator Tom Muratore joined local elected officials and community leaders to welcome them all to the community. Clockwise from top left: M3 Development Group and Victorian Fence, both in Centereach, Mamma LaRosa Ristorante and Sabrosa Mexican Grill , both in Lake Ronkonkoma, and Kabobshak Mediterranean Grill in Selden.

"I'd like to congratulate all respective owners, and wish them much success in their endeavors," stated Legislator Muratore. "I am always pleased to see local businesses open their doors in our community; they boost our local economy and create more jobs."

Legislator Tom Muratore Recognizes Sachem High School Sports Teams

Legislators Tom Muratore (far right) and William J. Lindsay III (far left) with Sachem East Cheerleaders above, and Sachem Boys Varsity Bowling team to the right.

Hauppauge, NY – At the March 22, 2016 General Meeting of the Suffolk County Legislature, Legislator Tom Muratore, (District 4) along with his colleague Legislator Bill Lindsay III (District 8) recognized two teams from Sachem High School for winning their respective championships.

The Sachem Boys Varsity Bowling Team, under the leadership of Coach Brian Weinstein, won the Suffolk County League II Championship with a commanding 13-1 record. They went on to win the state championships.

The Sachem East High School Cheerleaders had a great season as well. Coaches Christina Lotito, Taylor Grimm and Melissa Steigele led the squad as they captured the Large Varsity Division I title at the Suffolk cheerleading championships. Additionally, they took third place in the New York State Championship finals, and successfully competed to become the Division I Large National Champions at a competition held in Orlando, Florida.

“It is my pleasure once again to join Legislator Lindsay in recognizing Sachem teams for their extraordinary talent,” stated Legislator Tom Muratore. “I commend all the athletes and coaches for a job well done.”

“These Sachem athletes have consistently made our community extremely proud,” stated Legislator Bill Lindsay III. “It’s always a pleasure to partner with Legislator Muratore to congratulate these young adults on their tremendous accomplishments and I wish them the best of luck as they finish out the school year.”

A Public Service Announcement from Legislator Tom Muratore: "Be Pool Smart"

Water safety should be a primary concern not just in the summer, but all year long. Being that it only takes a few inches of water for a child to drown, it is important for adults to be aware and remain updated on important water safety and its procedures to prevent drowning incidents from occurring. Legislator Tom Muratore would like to provide the following recommendations to ensure a happy and safe summer for you and your families.

Safety Systems:

Barriers – Installing a barrier surrounding the pool will limit water access to adults only.

All gates around the pool should be at least 4 feet tall, with a self-latching hook, out of a child's reach to pre vent unattended children from entering the pool area.

Alarm Systems – Installing an alarm system will alert adults of an unattended child entering the pool area, or leaving the home.

Door alarms should be placed in homes to alert adults when a child is leaving the home.

Alarms installed on gates allow adults to be informed if an unattended child enters the pool area.

Pool wave alarms can be placed on the pool surroundings to set off an alarm when waves become too large and dangerous for small children in the pool.

All of these alarm systems should have a distinct tone, which sounds for a minimum of 30 seconds, and can be measured from 10 feet away.

Safety Covers – Installing a safety cover, either manual or automatic, will ensure that children will not fall into the pool, and make them aware that the pool is not open for use.

Follow these simple steps to ensure pool safety:

Never leave a child unattended. Stay close, and be alert of children in and around the pool.

Teach and practice basic water safety tips with your children.

Keep a telephone close by in case of an emergency.

Learn to perform cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and update those skills regularly.

Legislator Muratore is asking everyone to take the POOL SAFETY PLEDGE:

"I won't leave children alone near a pool, not for a minute, not for a second, not EVER!"