

## SUFFOLK COUNTY LEGISLATURE



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### **Suffolk County Legislator Robert Trotta Congratulates Boy Scout Troop 41 Newest Eagle Scouts ... Daniel T. Tyska and Andrew T. Rapiejko**



*Legislator Robert Trotta (center) congratulated Daniel Tyska (left) and Andrew Rapiejko on attaining the esteemed rank of Eagle Scout.*

(Smithtown, NY)...Suffolk County Legislator Robert Trotta recognized Northport Boy Scout Troop 41's Daniel T. Tyska and Andrew T. Rapiejko at their recent Eagle Scout Court of Honor. They each earned the respected rank of Eagle Scout by completing a labor intensive community-based Eagle Scout project. Legislator Trotta was joined by Assemblyman Andrew Raia, Robert Conte representing Senator Carl Marcellino, Huntington Town Councilwoman Susan Berland, Huntington Town Clerk Jo-ann Raia, a representative from the Huntington Marine Corp, and members of the Northport American Legion Post 694, the sponsor of the troop, in offering congratulations to the scouts.

Daniel decided to enhance and beautify the Fuchs Pond Preserve in Northport, which is a five acre spring-fed freshwater pond and part of the Crabmeadow wetlands protected watershed. Fuchs Pond Preserve is used extensively by the public for nature hikes and by Cornell Cooperative Extension to provide educational programs to students. Daniel led a group of volunteers in the designing and planting of a natural self-sustaining wildlife friendly garden on the front side of the main building. In choosing this environmental endeavor, Daniel sought to enrich the natural habitat for the abundant species of wildlife in the preserve. Legislator Trotta was impressed with Daniel's commitment to the environment and said, "Your passion and dedication to this project has helped you attain the honorable rank of Eagle Scout. This undertaking is a textbook example of what it takes to be a leader and, hopefully, your preservation efforts will be an inspiration to us all."

Andrew's Eagle Scout project consisted of making improvements to the Youth Directions and Alternatives (YDA) building in East Northport. The YDA is a non-profit community and youth agency serving youths and their families in three local school districts. Leading a team of volunteers, Andrew planned the renovations which included designing and constructing oak radiator covers that were secured to the walls, insulating water pipes, and painting several public rooms. Legislator Trotta was impressed with Andrew's passion for the youth in the area and stated, "Your hard work has paid off and now you have attained the highest rank of Eagle Scout. This project was a great way to give back to our residents and to provide our youth with a bright and updated center for their programs, as well as demonstrate your leadership and organizational skills." Legislator Trotta urged both scouts to keep up the good work and to stay involved with our great community.