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SUFFOLK COUNTY LEGISLATOR MCCAFFREY RECOGNIZES EAGLE SCOUT SEAN MARTIN



Pictured: Suffolk County Legislator Kevin McCaffrey presents an official proclamation to Eagle Scout Sean Martin.

Babylon Village, NY: Suffolk County Legislator Kevin McCaffrey (R-Lindenhurst) recently participated in the Eagle Court of Honor for Troop 1's Sean Martin, who hails from Babylon Village. The ceremony was held at the United Methodist Church, and was attended by Sean's proud family and fellow Scouts, as well as officials and representatives from state and local government.

In order to achieve the rank of Eagle Scout, each candidate must successfully complete a service project in their community. These projects require the candidate to first determine a particular

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need in the community, then he must apply the skillsets acquired over the course of his scouting career to address it by locating the resources and managing the execution. Not only are the young man's skills put to the test, but he further develops the leadership skills that will carry on well into adulthood.

For his project, Sean chose to help protect the local environment, while also doing his part to redo the damage left after Superstorm Sandy. This lofty goal was accomplished by Sean orchestrating an effort to plant 4,000 sea grass bulbs into a local beach, which will reduce erosion and keep people from the sensitive sea wall. Doing this work was very significant to Sean, as his family's home was severely damaged after the storm. Sean was inspired by the community that reached out to help his family, thus his service project was also a special opportunity to give something back.

"Sean's project certainly plays an important ecological role, but it will also serve as a reminder of how sensitive our environment is," said McCaffrey. "Superstorm Sandy caused a tremendous amount of havoc, particularly here in Babylon. However, seeing efforts like Sean's really shows us all that we can make a difference and be a source of inspiration to others."

For those interested in learning more about the Boy Scouts in Suffolk County, they are strongly encouraged to visit: <http://www.sccbsa.org/>

Legislator McCaffrey represents Suffolk County's 14th Legislative District which encompasses the Village of Lindenhurst, Babylon Village, the hamlets of West Babylon and North Lindenhurst, portions of Copiague, North Babylon, and Babylon's barrier beach communities.