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SUFFOLK COUNTY LEGISLATOR MCCAFFREY VISITS BARRIER BEACH CIVIC ASSOCIATION'S ANNUAL PICNIC



Pictured Left to Right: New York State Senator Phil Boyle; Barrier Beach Civic Association President Jed Meade; Suffolk County Legislator Kevin McCaffrey; Barbara Hackett from Save the Beaches; and New York State Assemblyman Joseph Saladino.

West Gilgo, NY: Suffolk County Legislator Kevin McCaffrey (R-Lindenhurst) recently had the opportunity to visit the Barrier Beach Civic Association (formerly called the Oak Beach Civic Association) at their annual picnic. McCaffrey was joined by his colleagues in government from both the state and town levels, to catch up with the members and hear their thoughts and concerns related to the barrier beach communities.

The barrier beaches were some of the hardest hit areas on Long Island when Hurricane Sandy touched down almost three years ago. The beaches, roadways and structures that bore the brunt of the storm's forces have largely been restored, but concerns about the future remain. However,

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storm-related issues were not the only ones raised by the attendees, for example, the lack of FiOS services on the barrier beaches was on their minds as well.

“I am working very hard to get FiOS here as soon as possible,” said McCaffrey. “Services such as FiOS are no longer considered luxuries, as many people rely on the technology for their livelihoods or keeping in touch with family. While some alternatives to FiOS do exist, they still don’t compare in terms of capabilities and cost.”

The Barrier Beach Civic Association strives to keep those within its community close to one another, as well as to their representatives at all levels of government. This is critically important, as the barrier beaches comprise a very unique aspect of Long Island geography, serving as natural storm buffers, in addition to their role in the ecosystem.

McCaffrey added, “The barrier beaches are truly a treasure here in Suffolk County, but so are its residents who act as its keepers. I was honored to spend some quality time with the community and look forward to continue working with them.”

To learn more about the Barrier Beach Civic Association, you can visit their website at:
<http://www.oakbeachcivicassociation.com/index>.

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.