

THURSDAY'S THOUGHTS

From Suffolk County Legislator

William R. Spencer, M.D.



GREETINGS 18TH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT RESIDENTS!

– Greenlawn – Centerport – Northport – Asharoken – Eaton's Neck – Huntington – Halesite –
– Huntington Bay – Huntington Station – Lloyd Harbor – Cold Spring Harbor – East Northport –

Summer Food Drive Off to a Great Start!



Dear Neighbor,

Our interns were busy last week collecting items for our 2016 Summer Food Drive at Northport's Stop and Shop. For the third consecutive year we have hosted a food drive during the summer months as it's a challenging time of year for food pantries since donations tend to decline and family need increases while school is out.

Our next drive will be **Saturday, August 20th at King Kullen in Huntington, located at 50 New York Avenue from 10 am to 1 pm.** A collection box will also be available at my office; 15 Park Circle, Centerport until August 22nd. Thank you to everyone who has donated and those who plan to!

~Legislator Spencer

Family Service League Ombudsman Program *Volunteer Advocates for Long Island Seniors Needed*

Family Service League is seeking volunteers to train as **advocates** for Long Island Seniors living in nursing homes and adult care homes throughout Suffolk County.

FSL offers initial training classes, ongoing supervision and continuing education for all volunteer candidates. Volunteer Ombudspersons will visit an assigned long-term care home once a week to help seniors and their families understand and exercise their rights to quality care and better quality of life.



To find out more about Family Service League Ombudsman volunteer opportunities, contact Judy Wirkula at 631-470-6756 or jwirkula@fsl-li.org.

3rd Generation Eagle Scout Takes Flight!



This past Saturday, the 18th Legislative District welcomed its newest Eagle Scout, Sean D. Burns of Boy Scout Troop 32 in Greenlawn. Sean celebrated his Court of Honor at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Church in Centerport with his family, friends, and fellow scouts.

“The tasks and skills necessary to attain the rank of Eagle Scout are difficult, but when accomplished develop leadership, self-reliance, and other admirable qualities needed for future successes,” noted Suffolk County Legislator William R. Spencer, M.D. “I congratulate and wish Sean the best of luck in all that he chooses to do. As a third generation Eagle Scout, I hope that Sean will do as his father and grandfather have before him, and share the knowledge and skills that he has fostered throughout his scouting journey with other young people wishing to emulate his example and our community at large.”

Sean’s service project involved replacing the sign at the entrance of the Long Island Railroad Station in Greenlawn and making landscape improvements to the surrounding area. After raising funds through a series of car washes and garnering support from local business and community stakeholders, the project finally came to life on October 10, 2015. His thoughtful and much needed contribution will be enjoyed by residents and visitors of Greenlawn for many years to come!

6th Annual Gateway Garden Vegetable Sale



Saturday, August 20th from 10:00am to 2:00pm

Once a year the Gateway Community Gardeners harvest their hand-tended, pesticide free vegetables for sale to the public. Stop by early for the best selection—and coolest temperatures!

Rain date is Sunday, Aug. 21st from Noon to 2.

Young Leaders Club Honors Those Positively Impacting Huntington Youth



From left to right: Suffolk County Legislator William R. Spencer, M.D., with honorees Brenden Cusack, Rev. Kim Gambino, Linda Leake, Debbie Rimler, Andre Sorrentino, and Young Leaders co-founders Kevin Thorbourne and Kevin Zaharios.

Legislator Spencer had the pleasure of joining the Young Leaders Club at their 8th Annual Awards Banquet last week at Crestwood Manor in Northport. The event, which marks the culmination of their efforts throughout the year, was an opportunity to celebrate and honor graduating senior club members as well as active and influential residents in the community.

The Young Leaders is a community service based youth group made up of high school students from across the 8 school districts in the Town of Huntington. Members from various backgrounds come together to share their experiences and support each other while bettering the community where they live. Throughout the year, these dedicated young people volunteer numerous hours of their time enhancing life in Huntington through activities that include: beautification efforts at town beaches and parks, food, clothing and toy drives, providing homework help and tutoring, and mentoring elementary students about the importance of making good choices and having respect for themselves and others. Currently there are over 200 high school students involved in Young Leaders and over 1,000 alumni.

Honorees at this year's banquet included Huntington High School Principal Brenden Cusack; Rev. Kim Gambino, President of Helping Hand Rescue Mission; Linda Leake, Social Worker at the Tri-CYA; Debbie Rimler, Executive Director at the Tri-CYA; and Andre Sorrentino, owner of PAS Automotive in Huntington. Additionally, Emma DeGennaro, a young lady who will begin her freshman year at Brown University this fall, was presented with the John Bosco Student Athlete Award in recognition of her leadership and outstanding achievements, academically and athletically, during her high school career.

"The Young Leaders chose a wonderful grouping of local advocates and stewards to recognize at this year's banquet. These individuals serve as an inspiration to us all in our shared mission to positively impact our community." said Legislator Spencer. "I am so impressed with the fine efforts of the youth involved in this group. It is my hope that they will continue to remain involved in their hometown in the years ahead."

Pet•A•Palooza



Fun For The Whole Family!

Saturday & Sunday, August 20th & 21st
9:00am - 6:00pm

Little Shelter Animal Rescue & Adoption Center
33 Warner Road, Huntington, NY 11743
631.368.8770



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Canine Search & Rescue Demonstration • Rescue Groups • Face Painting
Little Shelter "Dogs on Parade" Contest • Doggy Swimsuit Competition



Quote of the Week...

The best preparation for good
work tomorrow is to do
good work today.

Elbert Hubbard

Sincerely,

William R. Spencer, M.D.

Suffolk County Legislator
18th Legislative District

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