

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 –

Dear Neighbor,

My prayers and thoughts go out to the people of Louisiana as they continue to cope and rebuild in the aftermath of the flooding which devastated more than 60,000 homes across the state. Please consider making a donation or volunteering to help those suffering as a result of the worst natural disaster in our country since Superstorm Sandy. What they are going through right now is unimaginable and support from fellow citizens can make a big difference during this difficult time.

Monetary and food donations are needed the most right now. If you would like to give back in some way, <http://www.volunteerloisiana.gov/> is a great resource where you can find information about recognized organizations bringing relief to those affected by the flooding.

~Legislator William R. Spencer, M.D.

Save the Date!

The logo for the Unity Festival, featuring stylized human figures in various colors (red, green, blue, yellow) holding hands, with the text "HUNTINGTON AWARENESS DAY" above and "UNITY FESTIVAL" in large, colorful letters below.

HUNTINGTON AWARENESS DAY

UNITY FESTIVAL

SEPT 10, 2016

11AM - 5PM

NOTE NEW LOCATION!

WEST SIDE NY AVE COMMUTER LOT
(BETWEEN RAILROAD AND CHURCH STREETS)

- **FOOD AND GAMES**
- **FUN AND ATTRACTIONS**

For more info call:
Dee Thompson
(631) 470-0636

huntingtonawareness.org
@HuntingtonDay
/HACPHuntingtonAwarenessDay

Gifted Hearts Charity Collects School Supplies for Students in Need in Huntington!



Legislator Spencer with volunteers from Gifted Hearts. From left to right: Marko Ventoras, Rebecca Epstein, Bella Manfuso holding Lucy the dog, Anthony Dang, Anderson Dang, Legislator Spencer, and TJ Manfuso.

Last week, Suffolk County Legislator William R. Spencer, M.D. joined local students from the Gifted Hearts Charity at their “Christmas in August” party where they were busy assembling backpacks filled with school supplies for children in need as the school year approaches. At the event, the students packed 60 backpacks with essential items needed to start the school year off right. The packages will be donated to the *Backpacks for Success Program* through the Junior Welfare League for local children living at or below the poverty level in the Town of Huntington.

“I continue to be impressed by the giving spirit and hard work that the children participating in Gifted Hearts put into making a difference in the lives of their peers in need.” said Legislator Spencer. “The compassion and wisdom displayed by this group goes far beyond their years.”

Gifted Hearts is a 501(c) 3 charity founded “by kids, for kids” by brother and sister duo TJ and Isabella Manfuso. The mission of the organization is to provide pediatric care packs and school supplies to children locally and around the world. Since March 2015, Gifted Hearts has provided medical and school supplies to children in Huntington, NY, Ecuador, Haiti, the Dominican Republic, and Costa Rica. To learn more about this charity, log onto www.GiftedHearts.org.

If you would like to participate in the *Backpacks for Success program* to help enhance the learning and confidence of children in need, the Junior Welfare League continues to collect donations. A \$30 donation allows them to provide a brand new backpack with top quality supplies to a child in grades K-12. Visit <http://www.jwlofhuntington.org/18693/Page.aspx> for more information.

It's National Immunization Awareness Month



Each year in August, National Immunization Awareness Month provides an opportunity to highlight the value of immunization across the lifespan, and encourage all people to protect their health by being vaccinated against infectious diseases. To stay protected against serious illnesses like the flu, measles, and pneumonia, adults need to get their shots – just like kids do

Check with your doctor to make sure everyone in your family is up to date on their vaccinations!

Suffolk County Immunization Action Program

The mission of the IAP is to ensure that children in Suffolk County are fully immunized by their second birthday. The IAP program offered through Suffolk County offers free immunizations for uninsured or underinsured children aged 0-19. In order to be eligible for this service, parent must bring along with them their child's past immunization records. For more information, call 631-854-0222.

Shots for Tots Schedule

<p><u>IAP at Pronto of Long Island</u></p> <p>128 Pine Aire Drive Bay Shore, NY 11706</p> <p>August 31st from 9:30am – 2:30pm</p>	<p><u>IAP at Middle Country Library</u></p> <p>575 Middle Country Road Selden, NY 11784</p> <p>September 6th from 3:00 to 6:00pm</p>
<p><u>IAP at Pronto of Long Island</u></p> <p>128 Pine Aire Drive Bay Shore, NY 11706</p> <p>September 7th from 9:30am – 2:30pm</p>	<p><u>IAP at Pronto of Long Island</u></p> <p>128 Pine Aire Drive Bay Shore, NY 11706</p> <p>September 14th from 9:30am – 2:30pm</p>

Cinema for Kids

At the Huntington Cinema Arts Centre



Saturday, August 27 at 11 am

BEST OF THE FEST- In this program, viewers will enjoy thirteen short films from around the world, packed with cats, fables, sports, a pet scorpion, danger, magical puppets, and a very rambunctious audience. Recommended for Ages 8 to Adult. \$7 Members | \$12 Public | **Free For Kids 12 and under!**

For more information, click [here](#).

Enjoy Local Attractions In Your Own Backyard!

The last weeks of summer, before the kids go back to school, is the perfect time to explore the host of great attractions and wonders available throughout our community. We are so fortunate to live in such a vibrant and culturally dynamic part of Long Island. I encourage all residents to take some time to enjoy all that the Huntington area has to offer!



Suffolk County Vanderbilt Museum /Planetarium:

Spend a fascinating day at the Eagle's Nest estate of William K. Vanderbilt II, heir to one of America's greatest fortunes. The mansion and museum, is set on 43 rolling acres, and will take you back to the celebrated era of the Gold Coast. The Museum features centuries-old paintings and furniture collected during Vanderbilt's extensive world travels, as well as a marine museum, animal habitats, and gardens. The 147-seat Charles and Helen Reichert Planetarium offers a sky show, astronomy program and Rock 'n' Light show. For more information, visit <http://www.vanderbiltmuseum.org/> or call 631-854-5555.

Cold Spring Harbor Fish Hatchery

The Cold Spring Harbor Fish Hatchery & Aquarium is a non-profit educational center dedicated to educating visitors about the freshwater ecosystems of New York. For more than 99 years, it served as a New York State trout hatchery, until 1982 when it reopened as an environmental education center and public aquarium. Visitors can tour the two aquarium buildings and eight outdoor ponds, feed the hungry trout, and try "Catch & Keep" fishing. For more information visit their website at <http://www.cshfha.org/index.html>.

Northport Historical Society Museum:

The Northport Historical Society maintains a museum and research library in a landmark Carnegie Library building located at 215 Main Street in Northport. Artifacts associated with the area's history are curated and displayed on Tuesdays through Sundays from 1:00 to 4:30pm. For more information, visit www.northporthistorical.org or call 631-757-9859.

The Heckscher Museum of Art:

The Heckscher Museum of Art has served Long Island and the Huntington community through the presentation of great art since 1920. Today, the Heckscher Museum offers a host of art programs and educational exhibitions within their permanent and loan collections. For more information visit <http://www.heckscher.org/> or call 631-351-3250.

Cold Spring Harbor Whaling Museum:

The museum explores the relationship between Long Islanders and the Sea by detailing the history of the regional whaling industry, whale conservation and the history of Cold Spring Harbor as a maritime port. Many educational and art programs are available for all ages. For information, visit their website at <http://www.cshwhalingmuseum.org/> or call 631-367-3418.

Huntington Historical Society:

Over the past 100 years, the Huntington Historical Society has been dedicated to preserving the collections and artifacts which make up the heritage of the Huntington Community. These artifacts are retained and made available to the public, in the house museums maintained by the Society; Conklin Barn, Kissam House and the Soldiers & Sailors Memorial Building. For more info, visit www.huntingtonhistoricalsociety.org or call 631-427-7045.



Northport "Musical Happenings on Main Street"



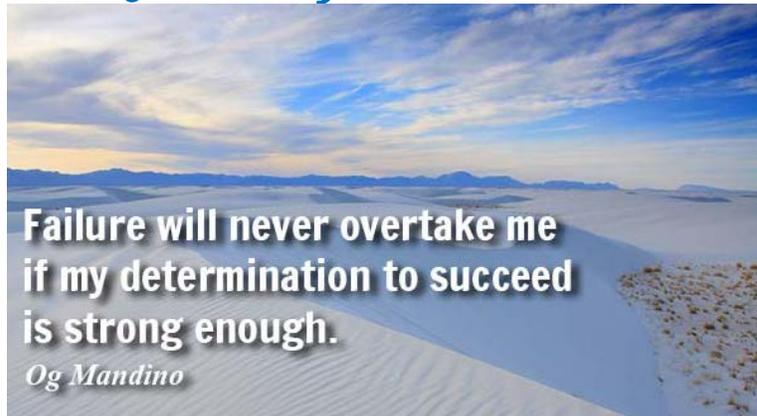
Every Friday night through September 4th, stop by the Village Park at the end of Main Street in Northport to enjoy live music! Performances begin at 7:00PM!
FREE Admission. Chair or blanket suggested.

Upcoming Shows

August 26: Directors' Choice

Sept 2: Glenn Baldwin & Friends of Jazz - Festival of Jazz

Quote of the Week...



Sincerely,

William R. Spencer, M.D.

**Suffolk County Legislator
18th Legislative District**

Feel free to stop by my office or contact me by e-mail, william.spencer@suffolkcountyny.gov, or by phone at (631)854-4500. Like receiving Thursday's Thought? Be sure to tell your friends about it!

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