

E-NEWSLETTER

ASSEMBLYMAN -

KEITH P. BROWN

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A Message from Keith:



Fall has arrived, and as sad as I am to see summer go, I am equally eager for the leaves to change, the fall festivals to arrive and the advent of cooler weather. There is something about the beginning of autumn and the calm that it brings after a hectic summer of activities, as we settle in before winter comes. I hope that you and your family will take the opportunity to enjoy this beautiful season and all that our amazing State and Island have to offer — take a hike in the woods, go leaf peeping, pick a pumpkin, or maybe call on a friend you haven't seen in a while!

This time of year also means preparing for the next legislative session. My team and I have been hard at work this summer doing research, talking with stakeholders and preparing legislation. I have listened to the concerns of the constituents of District 12, got your feedback and am working to develop our legislative platform for 2026.

As always, I am honored and privileged to represent the people of my District and I will continue to work towards making a difference in their lives and all those living in New York State. As the ranking minority member of the Committee on Alcoholism and Substance Use, I will continue to champion the needs of those struggling with mental health issues and substance use disorder and will remain focused on the opioid and fentanyl crisis. I will work to help make things safer for our children and tackle social media concerns such as having platforms disclose when content is created by AI. I currently have two bills that address this issue (A9091 and A9097).

In the emotionally charged environment in which we live, I have introduced a bill that would increase penalties against those who assault, stalk or harass elected officials (A8993). And as a member of the Assembly Environmental Conservation Committee, I am working towards helping create cleaner energy for all through my bill A9030 which calls for a feasibility study by the New York State Energy Resource and Development Authority on installing solar panels and other renewable energy systems along our state highways.

Locally, I have been focused on making our shoreline better and have been working hard with the Halesite Harbor Walk Committee with the Town

Supervisor and Councilman Theresa Mari and our elected colleagues to bring the dream of a more accessible shoreline to fruition. On December 2nd, along with Huntington Town Councilwoman Theresa Mari, we invite you to support American Legion Post 360 on *Giving Tuesday!* Together we're raising funds to build the Armed Forces Plaza as part of the Harbor Walk Project, a lasting tribute with public art, memorials and a gazebo for meditation and reflection for our veterans.

I also have been focused on working to clean up and repair the Revolutionary War Cemeteries in our area in anticipation of the 250th Anniversary of our country. This project is being done in partnership with the Huntington Town Supervisor Ed Smyth, Town Historian Robert Hughs, Town Councilman Sal Ferraro, Ellen Guerrero from the Planning & Environment Department and numerous volunteers.

Our school supply drive in conjunction with Huntington Town Councilman Dr. Dave Bennardo, was a huge success with so many generously donating supplies to children in need. Our Shed the Meds Drive, done with Babylon Town Councilman Anthony Manetta, was equally successful! As we go into fall keep an eye out for our coat and toy drives

I am excited for the work we have in front of us and as always, I am honored to be your Assemblyman and will continue to focus on the needs of our community. Enjoy the fall and all fun that comes with it.

Your Assemblyman

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Hon. Keith P. Brown, 12th Assembly District

Car Show Honoring Officer Brendan Gallagher

Thank you Dr. Ray Mascola, St. Anthony's High School and the organizers, volunteers and classic car owners for making the car show a great success.

The event honored SC Police Officer Brendan Gallagher who is the real deal! He was injured in Afghanistan - received a Purple Heart and a commendation medal for valor, was stabbed by a perpetrator a few years ago, then nearly died responding to a scene on the LIE when he was struck by a driver who was driving while high and dragged under the car.

Thanks to the heroic efforts of the Stonybrook Trauma Center and the first class surgeons, and St. Michael, Officer Gallagher is alive today!

Some heroes don't wear capes!

Thank you to the men and women in blue who serve and protect us everyday! (July 2)







Protecting Wildlife and Motorists on Waterside Avenue

You may have noticed a DOT sign on Waterside Avenue.

Thanks to the help of a few dedicated folks, we are working together to come up with a plan for a Wildlife Connection between Blanchard Lake and the County Preserve along Waterside Avenue.

Turns out this is the #1 spot for animal strikes by car on Long Island and the home to river otters, turtles, deer and not to mention an abundance of birds, hawks, owls and eagles.

The sign is there to protect the animals and motorists on Waterside, so please slow down around this area. (July 11)



Collaboration on Huntington Harbor Project

My favorite thing to do as an elected official is to collaborate with other elected colleagues because we can get more done, more efficiently.

Here's us working with Town Supervisor Ed Smyth's Office, Councilwoman Theresa Mari, the Town Attorney Ed Gathman, Town Planning Director Tony Aloisio, Town Engineering, Deputy Maritime Director Garrett Chelius, Jonas Wagner, SC Legislator Stephanie Bontempi's Office, 1653 Foundation and the Huntington Arts Council to reimagine Huntington Harbor and making good progress!!!

Thank you all!!! (July 23)







Bridge Dedications for Fallen Troopers

Yesterday, NYS Senator Monica Martinez and NYS Assemblywoman Jodi Giglio and I paid tribute to Trooper Fabio Buttitta and Trooper Thomas M. O'Neill. Your service will never be forgotten.

Here's of copy of what I said.

Bridges are built to last,—and same with honor. These bridge naming will ensure that the courage of these two troopers will echo for generations.

I am Assemblyman Keith Brown and I represent the 12th Assembly District of New York State where we are standing today.

I am both humbled and honored to be here as we dedicate both the Trooper Fabio Buttitta Memorial Bridge and the Senior Investigator Thomas M. O'Neill Memorial Bridge, and I would like express my gratitude to the Trooper Foundation for giving me this chance to say a few words.

I also want to thank Senator Monica Martinez for co-sponsoring the bills that provided for these dedications and my dear friend Assemblywoman Jodi Giglio for her commitment over the past years to making sure that all of Troopers who died in the line of duty are properly remembered!

As each of us knows that those who serve in law enforcement are the true heroes in the world. It is their unwavering dedication and service to others that fills us with awe.

We know that Fabio and Thomas and the men and women they worked with are all true heroes, putting their lives on the line every time they go out on duty.

Growing up, I used to watch Hill Street Blues all the time on tv and every episode, Sarge would say at the end of every Precinct meeting. He would finish by saying, "Now let's be careful out there!" I always think of that whenever I see an officer or trooper in uniform.

Our State can never repay them or their families for the sacrifices they gave, but these two bridges will serve as a symbol of our appreciation, our gratitude, and stand as a testament of the honor with which both Fabio Buttitta and Thomas M. O'Neill served every time we drive past.

Thank you.

To all law enforcement officers who protect and serve, we extend our gratitude. We will continue our advocacy so that you are safe and you can continue to protect us. Thank you! (August 5)





Meeting on Asharoken Sea Wall Plan

Senator Mattera and I had a great meeting at my office with John Ballow of Eatons Neck about

the Asharoken Sea Wall and the plan moving forward. I want to thank John for his advocacy on behalf of the 2,000 plus residents of Eatons Neck who rely on the road and would be stranded if the sea wall was to collapse. (August 6)





Suffolk County's 250th Anniversary Kickoff

Yesterday, I had the pleasure of attending Suffolk County's Official Kickoff Celebration for the 250th Anniversary of our nation's independence.

Joined by my elected colleagues from the state, county and town governments, as well as reenactors and many important members of our community!

It was a great kickoff celebration and served as a reminder of our important heritage, and numerous historical achievements across our nation's history that are worth celebrating.

Ed Romaine, Senator Dean Murray, Assemblywoman Jodi Giglio, Assemblyman Joe DeStefano, Legislator Dominick Thorne, Legislator Nick Caracappa, Legislator Jim Mazzarella, Legislator Chad Lennon, Stephanie Bontempi, Legislator Leslie Kennedy, Councilwoman Karen Dunne Kesnig, Sheriff Errol Toulon, Vincent Puleo, Suffolk County Comptroller John Kennedy Jr. (August 7)











250th Anniversary Cemetery Cleanup Project

As part of the 250th Anniversary of our nation's birth, I've teamed up with Town Councilman Sal Ferro, Town Historian Robert Hughes, Town Planning and Tom Ronanyne, former SC Veterans Affairs Coordinator.

The idea is simple - to honor the brave patriots who fought for our independence by cleaning up their final resting place at the 20 cemeteries around the Town.

So we are going out and surveying what needs to be done and will be starting the cleanup in September and hope to finish in July 2026! (August 9)





Working to Improve Northport Harbor Water Quality

Great meeting with the officials from Northport Mayor Donna Koch and Roland Buzard - trying to help them cut through the red tape with the DEC for a plant upgrade they need to improve the water quality in the harbor! (August 10)



Supporting Local Scouts

I was happy to help out some scouts who needed to interview an elected official for their Citizenship in the Community Merit Badge. It was great hearing what issues were important to them and I encouraged them to get more involved and we spoke about how they can go about doing it! Thank you for participating in Scouting, it's a great program for kids! (August 11)





Route 110 Paving in Huntington Village

Many thanks to the hardworking men and women and the NYS DOT who did such a great job paving NY Avenue/ Route 110 through Huntington Village. Senator Mario Mattera and I stopped down to see the finished product and we bumped into Huntington Town Planning DirectorTony Aloisio too! A job well done! (August 12)





Celebrating Our Seniors

A big thank you to Team Wendy Rodriguez for hosting such a beautiful celebration, where our seniors had the opportunity to participate in and compete in a community-based fashion and beauty contest. Seeing our senior citizens united in laughter, joy, and happiness truly warmed my heart.

It was an honor to present New York State Assembly Citations on behalf of my office to these remarkable seniors, who have been leaders and role models in our community for decades. (August 20)





Visiting the Heckscher Museum of Art

I had the pleasure of attending a Legislative Breakfast at the Heckscher Museum of Art - a true gem right in the heart of Huntington.

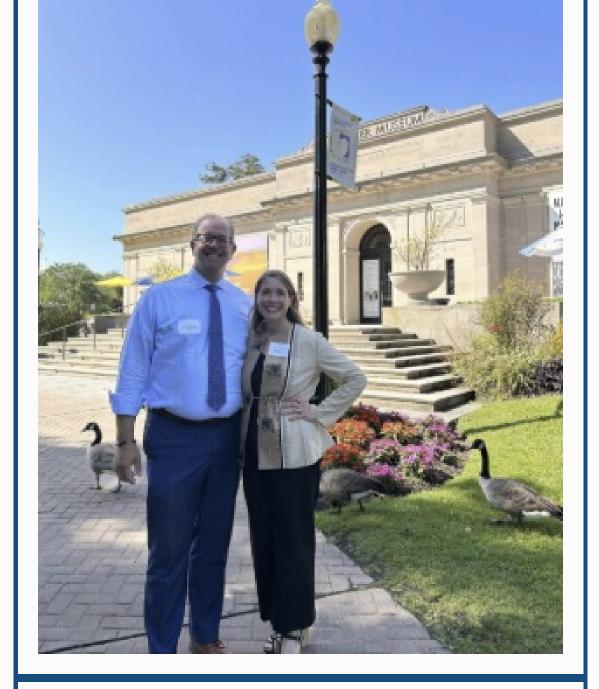
We learned about the programs they have going on and food truck Fridays. The Park is in full bloom and looking great!

Admission is free, making it the perfect time for everyone in our community to explore, learn, and be inspired. The museum is more than a place to view art, it's a welcoming space to express creativity, spark imagination, and connect with culture.

Whether you're a lifelong art lover or visiting for the first time, I encourage you to stop by and experience all that the Heckscher Museum has to offer! It's a beautiful space!

Thank you to all the staff and volunteers at the Museum! (August 21)







Congratulations to SANYS U Graduates

I had the incredible honor of joining NYS Mario Mattera and SC Legislator Stephanie Bontempi to recognize these SANYS U graduates - Corey, Kevin, Kati, Catalina, Henry, and Jaxon for their incredible achievements!!!

We can't wait to see the impact you'll make as the next generation of leaders for the self-advocacy community.

Please join me in congratulating these outstanding graduates! (August 24)





Successful School Supply Drive

Happy to team up with Huntington Town Councilman Dr. Dave Bennardo to organize another successful school supply drive.

It was a huge success thanks to the many generous people in our community who helped support students at 3 local primary schools!!!

Thank you to all our constituents who donated-you really came through for the kids in our community. (August 25)

#AD12strong







Huntington Goes Purple for Recovery Month

The Town of Huntington Goes Purple

Today marks the first step in kicking off Recovery Month this September.

Tonight, I took a walk down at the beach and I was reflecting on all the lives lost to alcoholism and substance use and I thought about and often think about the hopes and dreams that will never be fulfilled, the memories of happier days, the anguish of watching someone suffer with this seemingly curable disease that affects people's mental health.

While the overall numbers are great - a 27% decrease in overdoses nationwide - there is still so much work to be done. We still don't understand why someone would want to live that way and

not get the help they desperately need. Is it pride? Is it the stigma? Is it denial admitting they have a problem? Whatever it is we have to get to the root cause of the human condition that keeps someone paralyzed into thinking they can't get better.

I have spent more than half my time in Albany working on these issues and trying to improve our system of care for mental illness and substance use disorder. We desperately need to change despair into hope and helplessness into healing.

I am so incredibly grateful for the work of our Town Board, the Town of Huntington Opioid Addiction Task Force and the members who have dedicated their lives into helping others and recognize their tireless efforts in addressing addiction, substance use, and related disorders. Their compassion and commitment remind us that love and support are what truly bring healing. (August 27)





Honoring Veteran Ron Zaleski

Huntington Town Clerk Andrew Raia called me on Thursday morning to say he needed me to join him at Town Hall yesterday to honor a veteran that's created a posttraumatic stress program.

When I arrived, I sat down to hear about an amazing journey of Ron Zaleski who walked across the United States to bring awareness about the crisis happening with Veterans who are taking their lives at a staggering rate.

As a Member of the Assembly Mental Health Committee and Ranking Member of the Alcoholism and Substance Use Committee, it was truly my honor to join the Town of Huntington Council, Town of Huntington Supervisor Ed Smyth and Town Clerk Andrew Raia to hear the inspirational story and honor Vietnam Veteran Ron Zaleski for all of his efforts on behalf of our nation's veterans.

Mr. Zaleski served America in the Vietnam War and has focused on helping his fellow veterans make the transition back to life after their service through the "The Long Walk Home Foundation." To raise awareness of PTSD and suicide, he even walked the entire Appalachian Trail barefoot—over 2,200 miles—and later trekked more than 3,000 miles across the country carrying a sign reading "18 Vets a Day Commit Suicide." His dedication has had a profound impact on the lives of those who bravely stood up for our country.

We can't do enough for our Veterans and may God bless them and protect them! (September 6)





Remembering 9/11 and Honoring Humanity

Yesterday, I attended two 9/11 memorial ceremonies: the County Executive Ed Romaine held a ceremony with the County Officials and first responders at the 9/11 Memorial at the Denison Building in Hauppauge.

Then, last night I was in attendance to a very special event - the Premiere of "Come Away Home" at the Engeman Theater, along with the Counsel General of Canada, Tom Clark, the Mayor of Gander, Labrador, Canada Claude Elliot, the playwright and other special guests.

I had no idea what to expect, but the people in attendance were treated to an incredible experience. The story is about how the Town of Gandor, Labrador, Canada welcomed 9000 travelers who were stranded on 9/11 after the FAA shut down the airspace. It's a tremendous story about the human spirit in one of the darkest days in our history.

But the night was special in so many ways: the beautiful words by Rich and Kevin, Tom Clark and the Mayor of Gandor.

But the proudest was when the Mayor said he walked down Main Street Northport that day and 15 perfect strangers said hello to him. He said that we have a special community. It was heartwarming to hear him say that and for him to recognize that. I felt extremely lucky to be in the theatre that night and I thanked Rich and Kevin for all they have done for our community. And go see the play. It will restore your faith in humanity. (September 12) #neverforget







East Northport Chamber Fair Success

Hats off to the East Northport Chamber of Commerce and sponsors on another successful Fair. For 13 years, the Fair has been a great event for businesses, adults and kids to enjoy our community with some great food and entertainment. Thank you! (September 14)





Assembly Assemble Day with Island Harvest

Happy to take part in the 4th Annual "Assembly Assemble Day" with Island Harvest on Hunger Action Day. Together, we assembled food packages that will go directly to low-income seniors who rely on this vital support.

A special thank you to Assemblyman Mike Durso for his leadership in organizing this important day of action.

We packed boxes with nutritious meals for senior citizens living on less than \$1900 per month. This program, partially funded by the federal government, provides a monthly box of nutritious food and beverages. We appreciate Assemblyman Michael Durso's efforts in making this the fourth annual event, promoting a collaborative effort among colleagues from both sides of the aisle for a noble cause.

#AssemblyAssembleDay #HungerActionDay #EndHunger #IslandHarvest #CommunityFirst

With:

Assemblyman Joe DeStefano, Assemblyman Ari Brown, Assemblyman Michael Durso, Assemblywoman Jodi Giglio, Assemblyman John Mikulin, Assemblyman Ed Ra, Assemblyman Jarett Gandolfo, Assemblywoman Judy Griffin, Assemblyman Noah Burrows, Assemblyman Mike Fitzpatrick (September 16)





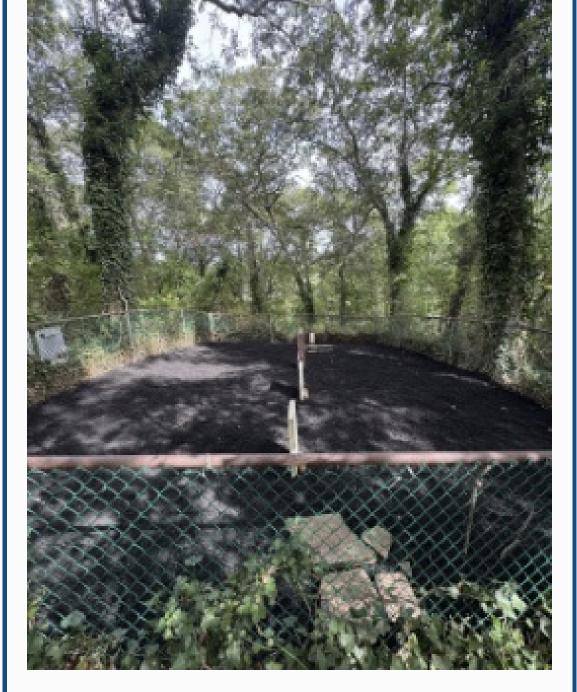
Celebrating 40 Years of the Seafield Center

I was honored to run out and attend the 40-year Wellness Ceremony at Rogers Beach in Westhampton alongside my government colleagues for the Seafield Center.

In its 40 years, Seafield Center has helped many individuals who have achieved recovery and rebuilt their lives thanks to their support in overcoming alcoholism and substance use.

Thank you for your tireless efforts! (September 17) #seafieldcenter





Revolutionary War Cemetery Cleanup

Many thanks to the Town Supervisor Ed Smyth, Town Councilman Sal Ferro, Town Historian Robert Hughes, Town General Services, Town Planning Department, and the many volunteers from the community, Home Depot, Commack Fire Department, AOH Div. 4 and many others, with tools donated by ReWorld.

This past Saturday, Town Historian Robert Hughes led us on a cleanup effort of 2 Revolutionary War Cemeteries - the goal of which is to clean them all up in time for the 250th Anniversary of our nation's independence.

It was our way to pay tribute to the men who risked everything, who raised arms against tyranny and the British monarchy, so that we could live in freedom and govern ourselves.

It was sometimes easy and sometimes backbreaking - pulling old English ivy vines out of ground - just like democracy. But, in the end, it was well worth it! See for yourself!

If you or anyone you know would like to volunteer - we have 16 more cemeteries to go. Please go to the Town website or call Councilman Sal Ferro (631)351-3000 or my office (631)261-4151. (September 18)

#GodBlessAmerica





Celebrating the Suffolk County Central American Parade

This past Saturday, I was proud to join my colleague Assemblyman Mike Durso at the Annual Suffolk County Central American Parade in Bay Shore.

As we celebrate Central American Independence Week (September 15th), we honor the rich culture, history, and contributions of our Central American neighbors and friends here on Long Island.

We are stronger together when we celebrate the diversity that makes our communities thrive. (September 19)





Celebrating St. Paraskevi GreekFest

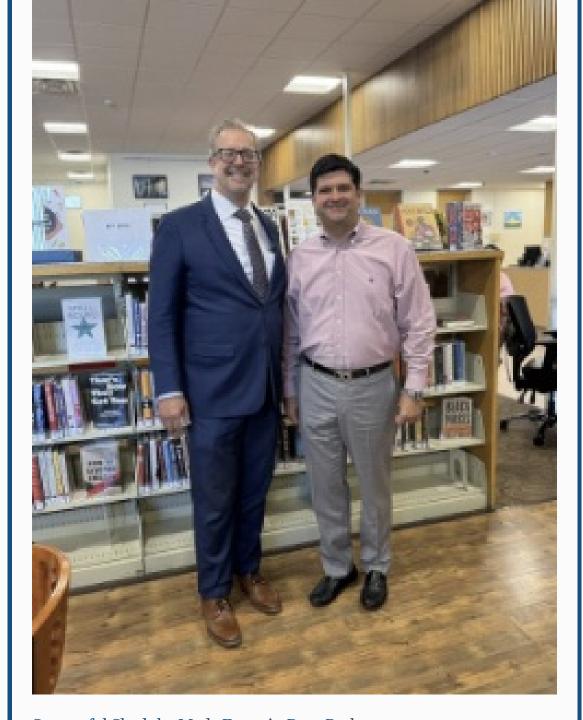
Another great year of music, dancing, food and fun - a staple in our community for decades - the St. Pareskevi GreekFest!

Thank you Father John and the countless volunteers for putting this year's event together! (September 20)









Successful Shed the Meds Event in Deer Park

I was happy to team up with my friend and colleague Town Councilman Anthony Manetta to conduct a Shed the Meds event with the SC Sheriff's Office at the Deer Park Library. It's essential for people NOT to flush old medicine down their toilets and instead dispose of them properly because it gets into our groundwater system. The event was a tremendous success! (September 25)









IBEW Local 1049 Labor Breakfast

I attended the Third Annual IBEW Local 1049 Labor Breakfast "A Celebration of Labor" with many of my elected colleagues out in the Holtsville Hall. It was great to see so many people who care about the men and women of organized labor here on Long Island and what we can do to help the average worker make their lives better and a little easier. (September 26)



Legislative Breakfast with Library Leaders

It was a pleasure to join local Library Directors and Trustees for a Legislative Breakfast. We had a thoughtful discussion on how we can work together to ensure our libraries have the resources they need, whether through sustainable operating support, safe and modern facilities or programs that expand access to learning and workforce development.

Libraries are vital hubs in our communities, and I look forward to continuing this partnership to deliver real benefits for residents across our district. (September 27)





Meeting on State Roadway Safety

Government in action

Sitting down with Rich Causin, Director of the NYS DOT Regional Office, along with NYS Senator Mario Mattera, NYS Assemblyman Steve Stern, Town Supervisor Ed Smyth, Town Highway Superintendent Andre Sorrentino, John McCarron, Jonas Wagner, George Swertle, Walter Edwards, Bianca Dreutsch, Scott Spital, Caryn Meyer, Justin Littel, Sue Broderick and others to discuss a laundry list of issues with respect to our state roadways to make them safer and function better.

From NY Avenue to 25A to tractor trailers in the left lane to aggressive driving to stormwater management, we covered a lot of ground in our 1 1/2 hour meeting.

Great to work with all these professionals to make our corner of the state better!

Thank you to everyone who attended and for all your hard work!!! (September 28)



FREE NARCAN & TEST STRIPS



Valuable resources that can make a profound difference in our community are now at your fingertips. We are pleased to announce that free naloxone and drug test strips are readily accessible to help identify harmful additives, prevent overdose tragedies, and ultimately, save lives.

In the face of the opioid crisis, it's crucial that we come together to ensure the safety and well-being of our community members. Naloxone is an essential tool in reversing opioid overdoses, and drug test strips provide a means to detect dangerous substances before they cause harm.

Together, we have the power to be proactive, to protect one another, and to make our community a safer place for all. Your willingness to take this step could be a lifeline for someone in need. You can visit Naloxone Access for Impacted Communities to receive a free Narcan kit and training.

Visit Naloxone Access

Meetings:

July

7/10 - Meeting with Joe Stallone (NYLCV)

7/10 - Grant Call with Town of Huntington

7/14 - Call with Engineering Dept. at Town of

7/14 - Town of Huntington LWRP Meeting

7/15 - Long Island Action Watershed Webinar

7/18 - Harbor Walk Meeting

7/25 - Call with 1653 Foundation

7/25 - Call with EFC

7/28 - Grant Call with Village of Northport

7/28 - Revolutionary War Cemeteries Meeting

7/29 - Legislation Call with Assemblywoman Simon

7/30 - Meeting with Senator Mattera and Eatons Neck resident

August

8/5 - Revolutionary War Cemetery Meeting at Carll Cemetery

8/6 - Meeting with the Village of Northport

8/7 - Call with National Grid-Wildlife Crossing in Northport

8/11 - Bird Island Meeting with Senator Mattera and Town of Huntington

8/14 - Meeting with Senator Mattera and CEO

Events Attended:

August

8/4 - State Trooper's Troop L's Memorial Bridge Dedications

8/12- Legislative Breakfast at Heckscher Museum of Art

September

9/5 - Honored Veteran Tom Zaleski at Huntington Town Board Meeting

9/6 - East Northport Festival

9/7 - Sue attended Town of Huntington 9/11 Memorial Service

9/9 - 4th Annual "Assembly Assemble Day" at Island Harvest

9/11 - Suffolk County 9/11 Memorial Service

9/11 - Sue attended Commack's 9/11

Memorial Service

9/11 - Sue attended East Northport Fire

Department's 9/11 Memorial Service 9/11 - "Come from Away" 9/11 event with

Counsel General of Canada at Engeman Theater

9/12 - St. Paraskevi Greek Festival

9/13 - Revolutionary War Cemetery Clean Up - Carll Cemetery

9/13 - Central American Independence Day

of LIPA 8/14 - Conference Call with NYS DEC regarding Bird Island

September

9/2 - Asharoken Village Meeting

9/3 - Meeting with Huntington Arts Council at Possible Mural Site

9/3 - Revolutionary War Cemetery Committee Meeting

9/4 - Harbor Walk Meeting

9/5 - Revolutionary War Cemetery Committee Meeting

9/15 - LIRR Strike Briefing with LIRR

9/15 - Grant Call with Town of Huntington

9/17 - Call with the Village of Northport

9/18 - COD webinar

9/22 - Library Zone Meeting at Half Hollow Hills Library

9/22 - Meeting with Senator Mattera, Town Supervisor Smyth & NYS DOT Regional Director Rich Causin

9/29 - Bird Island Meeting with Town of Huntington, DEC and Nelson & Pope 9/30 - Town of Huntington Crab Meadow

Meeting

Parade

9/13 - Revolutionary War Cemetery Clean Up - Nostrand Cemetery

9/16 - Taping of Long Island Main Street News with Town Councilwoman Theresa Mari 9/18 - Shed the Meds event at Deer Park Library co-sponsored with Councilman Anthony Manetta

9/18 - Sue attended Discover Long Island's Ryder Cup Networking Event at Twisted Cow

9/19 - IBEW 1049 Labor Breakfast

9/20 - Sue attended Cow Harbor Race

9/25 - Vanderbilt Museum 75th Anniversary Gala

9/27 - Hecksher Museum Reception for "Emma Stebbins: Carving out History" Exhibit

9/29 - Long Island Energy Press Conference



The HOPEline

- New York State's HOPEline is a confidential support and referral hotline for individuals struggling with addiction and problem gambling. It is staffed by trained, masters-level clinicians 24 hours a day, seven days a week.
- HOPEline can provide information about addiction and problem gambling assessments, interventions, treatment, and support in New York State.
 HOPEline can also provide crisis intervention support, including deescalation and collaboration to connect to 911.
- To contact the HOPEline, you can call 1-877-8-HOPENY (467369) or text HOPENY (467369). All services are free and confidential.

Here are some of the things the HOPEline can do for you

Provide information about addiction and problem gambling

- Answer your questions about addiction and problem gambling
- Help you find a treatment provider in your area
- Provide crisis intervention support
- Connect you with other resources in your community
- If you are struggling with addiction or problem gambling, please reach out to the HOPEline for help. You are not alone.

SUICIDE HOTLINE

In the midst of the season's joy and warmth, it's crucial to acknowledge that not everyone shares in the wonder. Let's extend our compassion to those who may be struggling quietly. Small acts of kindness, like sharing a cup of coffee, can provide comfort and a deep sense of connection to those in need.

I'd like to introduce you to the 988 hotline, akin to the well-known 911 for mental health crises. Whether one faces anxiety, depression, or any mental health challenge, this hotline offers vital support and guidance.

Remember, you don't have to face tough times alone.

I'm here, ready to listen and offer support any time, day or night. Let's raise awareness about mental health and suicide prevention, spreading the word about the 988 hotline among your friends and loved ones. Together, we can make a significant impact in the lives of those who need it most.

Veteran Resources

Suffolk County Veterans Service Agency – 631-853-8387 (for pension and compensation claims, etc.)

Veterans Crisis Line – 988 Press 1 (for emergencies, such as veteran in crisis)

Joseph P. Dwyer Veterans Peer Support Project – 631-853-8345 (peer-to-peer program for veterans facing the challenges of PTSD and Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI), etc.)

Northport VAMC – 631-261-4400 (for any health and medical resources and assistance, etc.)

Women's Clinic – 631-261-4400 x5778, x5779 (at Northport VA, women's health issues specifically)

OEF/OIF Clinic – 631-261-4400 x4604 (at Northport VA, transition and care management services, etc.)

United Veterans Beacon House – 631-665-1571 (for housing services, etc.)

Services for the Underserved – 631-227-0777 (for housing services, etc.)

Economic Opportunity Council of Suffolk – 631-289-2601 (for housing services, etc.)

Department of Social Services -631-854-9930, Emergency after hours -631-854-9100 (for housing services, etc.)

Long Island Cares – 631-582-FOOD (3663) (for food and nutritional support and pet food)

Island Harvest – 516-294-8528 (for food and nutritional support)

Department of Labor – 631-853-6600 (for employment services)

D.A.S.H. (Diagnostic, Assessment, Stabilization Hub) voluntary program for individuals in crisis due to substance use, mental illness, or other life stressors.

Walk-in 24/7/365 for crisis support. 90 Adams Ave., Hauppauge, NY For information about the program, call 631-650-0110

This list is not exhaustive – if you are looking for a resource that is not listed here, please contact the Suffolk County Veterans Service Agency directly at 631-853-8387

Suffolk County Veterans Service Agency (631) 853-8387

Joseph P. Dwyer Peer Support Project (631) 853-8345

American Legion – Department of New York (518) 463-2215

Northport VAMC (631) 261-4400

Suffolk County Department of Social Services (631) 854-9930

Suffolk County Department of Labor (631)853-6600

Please also visit the website where there is a link to Suffolk County's Veterans Resource Guide.

https://www.suffolkcountyny.gov/veterans



Internship Opportunities

New York State Assemblyman Keith P. Brown's District Office is seeking students who have a strong work ethic and a passion for their community. Interns will have the opportunity to further their education in public service and local government while enhancing their administrative and writing abilities. If you are interested in an internship, please contact Laura Leary at learyl@nyassembly.gov.

For any questions or concerns regarding this or any other state/local issues, please feel free to reach out to my District Office: 6080 Jericho Turnpike, Suite 310, Commack, NY 11725 631-261-4151 • brownk@nyassembly.gov







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