

E-NEWSLETTER

ASSEMBLYMAN

# KEITH P. BROWN

## *A Message from Keith:*



### **A New Year, New Beginnings**

The New Year is upon us! With shorter days and frosty nights, our thoughts turn to resolutions and new beginnings. I hope this year will be a memorable one. Be sure to plan a winter adventure - take a hike, ski, ice skate or visit a museum. Whatever you choose, our great State and amazing Island offer plenty of festive events and winter activities to enjoy!

### **Getting to Work in Albany**

With the fun of the season also comes the work of the New Year and the start of the Legislative Session. My staff and I have been working hard to prepare for the months ahead. I've met with constituents, town leaders, civic organizations, and State and Federal officials to develop legislation and programs that will benefit District 12 and the State of New York. I believe this will be an exciting and productive Session.

### **Addressing Artificial Intelligence Responsibly**

As we enter 2026, one of my top priorities is how New York addresses artificial intelligence. In this era of AI misinformation and unmarked AI-generated content, it is critical that we set clear parameters. Bill A9097 would require disclosure of Artificial Intelligence use to clients, criminal defendants, and courts in legal proceedings. Bill A9091 would require search engines to inform users when content is generated using Artificial Intelligence. Following the introduction of this legislation, I met with a Google representative to discuss the industry's responsibility to better police itself. AI is a powerful tool, but it must be used responsibly and with proper oversight. I am also working to organize an AI Forum featuring experts from the State University System to help educate policymakers and the public.

### **Supporting Our Youth and Families**

The wellbeing of our youth remains a major focus. As the Ranking Minority Member of the Committee on Alcoholism and Substance Use, I am committed to addressing the substance use crisis affecting our children. I introduced A9287, legislation to regulate the sale of nitrous oxide and establish education and outreach programs addressing its misuse. This fall, my

office helped organize the Long Island Co-Occurring System of Care Committee at Molloy College, bringing together clinicians, service providers, academics, state agencies, and county leaders to advance a true “No Wrong Door” approach to care. I also continue to proudly support Outreach Long Island and was honored to speak at the ribbon-cutting ceremony for their new Young Adult Residence, which will provide vital services for youth in crisis.

### **Improving Road Safety**

Keeping our roads safe is another key priority. I recently introduced A9331, legislation that would: Require slow-moving vehicles, trucks, and buses to use the right lanes on multilane roadways. Add “No Truck” pavement markings to left lanes on certain highways Locally, I’m pleased to report that the NYS Department of Transportation has begun investigating traffic safety conditions on Main Street in Huntington Village following a recent pedestrian fatality.

### **Honoring Our History Ahead of America’s 250th Anniversary**

In 2026, our nation will celebrate its 250th anniversary. I’ve been working with Suffolk County, the Town of Huntington Historical Society, and the Town Historian to create a digital Huntington Revolutionary War Trail, now available on Bloomberg Connects. I encourage you to explore it. My staff and I have also been assisting with the cleaning and repair of the twenty Revolutionary-era cemeteries throughout our district, honoring the brave men and women who helped found our nation. So far we have cleaned up seven, thirteen more to go in time for the Fourth of July, 2026.

### **Standing with Our Veterans**

There is no greater honor than serving those who have served our country. Many veterans are facing serious challenges, and we are currently working to establish a veterans’ mental health coalition to support those who feel they have nowhere to turn.

### **Meeting with Our Federal Officials**

A recent highlight was spending two amazing days in Washington, DC with my colleagues from the NYS Assembly Minority Conference, meeting with several federal officials, intergovernmental affairs personnel and Members of Congress. I was happy to have made a lot of connections and discussed many issues affecting AD 12, such as the Asharoken Sea Wall

capital needs, diversifying our power generation portfolio to meet our growing energy needs and keep the Northport Power Station relevant, the Veteran Suicide Crisis and the current condition of the Northport VA, and strengthening our system of care for our most vulnerable residents with Co-Occurring Disorders, educating our kids about mental wellness in school and stopping the flow of fentanyl across BOTH of our borders! I came back energized and have already begun my follow ups!

### **Moving Forward Together**

It is an honor to represent the residents of District 12. I remain committed to making our community and our State safer, healthier, and stronger. In the coming year, I will continue working to protect our shoreline and build a more secure and prosperous future for all. Thank you for your continued support and for entrusting me with the privilege of serving you in the New York State Assembly. I wish you a year filled with peace and prosperity.

Sincerely,



Hon. Keith P. Brown  
12th Assembly District

## The Crown Jewel of our County Parks Right Here in Centerport!

Last week, the Vanderbilt Museum celebrated its 75th anniversary! Supervisor Smyth, Councilman Bennardo, Councilwoman Mari, County Legislator Bontempi, and former Town Supervisor Chad Lupinacci had the opportunity to attend the museum's gala in honor of this milestone. I am committed to helping the Vanderbilt Museum reach its goal, which is to be financially self-sufficient.

Hats off to Dr. Steve Gittelman, the Board and all the staff at Vanderbilt for 75 years and here's to 75 more!

For more information about the Vanderbilt Museum's valuable work or to plan a visit go to <https://www.vanderbiltmuseum.org/> (Oct 2nd)



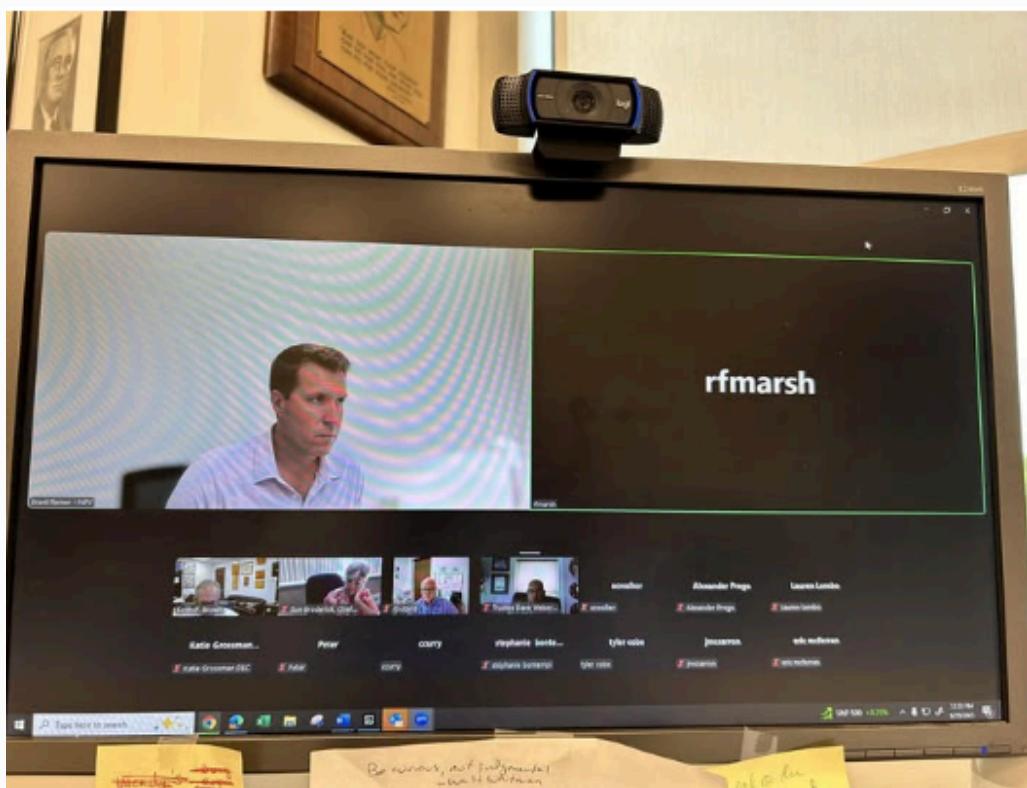


## Grand Opening of Emma Stebbins: Carving Out History!

It was a great night at the Heckscher Museum of Art for the Opening Reception for Emma Stebbins: Carving Out History!

She was the first woman to earn a commission from the City of New York to design and construct The Angel of the Waters statue atop the Bethesda Fountain in Central Park, which was in honor of the first public water supply for the city, the Croton Reservoir! (Oct 4th)





## Meeting with NYSDEC on Northport Harbor

We had a very productive meeting with the NYSDEC and all levels of government about habitat restoration, wetlands expansion and coastal resiliency in Northport Harbor.

Thank you Supervisor Ed Smyth, Deputy Supervisor John McCarron, Mayor Donna Koch, SC Legislator Stephanie Bontempi, NYS Senator Mario Mattera and US Congressman Nick LaLota and especially environmental consultants Nelson, Pope and Voorhis for their support and guidance.  
(Oct 6th)



## Town Hall for Crab Meadow Watershed

I want to thank our Town Supervisor, the Town Board members, Garrett Chelius, Director of Maritime Services, the Town Planning Department, the Audubon Society and everyone who showed up at Town Hall for Crab Meadow Watershed meeting and for their commitment to rehabilitating this important habitat in our town.

We talked about many issues affecting the wetlands, from habitat, to stormwater management, to wildlife crossings, to the health of the ecosystem. The marsh is under stress from rising sea levels and Audubon is working with the Town agencies and the NYS DEC to protect this important part of our town!

Thank you! (Oct 7th)







### Shanti Fund Mohatma Gandhi Memorial Event

Many thanks to Arvin Vora and County Executive Ed Romaine for inviting me to the Shanti Fund Mohatma Gandhi Memorial event at the H. Lee Dennison Building!  
(Oct 8th)





## Oysterfest in Huntington!

Barbara and I stopped downtown to support Oysterfest the Huntington and Northport Oyster Reef Project. And the oysters were delicious!

@rockinfishnpt @1653\_foundation

(Oct 10th)





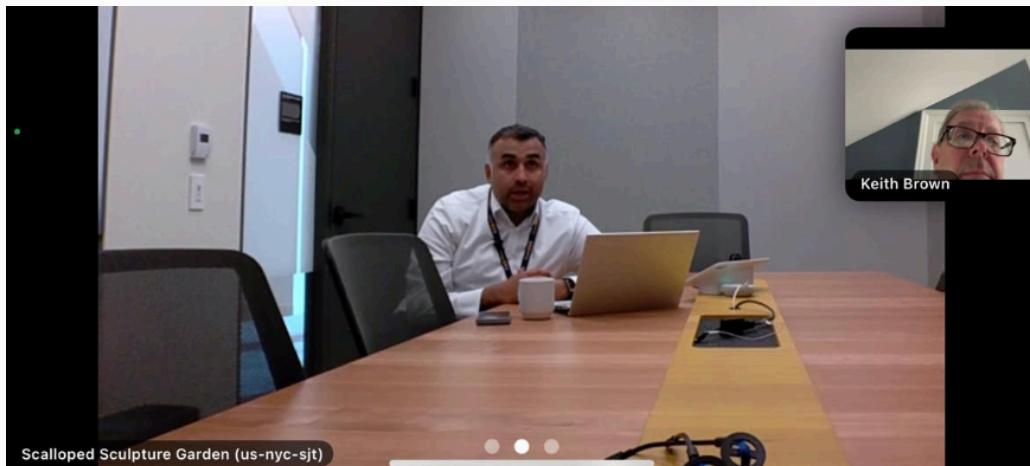
## Huntington Townwide Fund Oktoberfest Fundraiser

It was a beautiful afternoon for the Huntington Townwide Fund Oktoberfest Fundraiser at the Vanderbilt In Centerport. Thank you for your work raising money for many social service agencies in our Town.

Their motto is “The money raised in Huntington stays in Huntington!” (Oct 18th)







## Meeting with Google on my AI Bill A9091

Within hours of filing my Bill No. A9091, I was contacted by Google who wanted to meet to discuss it.

We held a zoom call last week where I told them that the entire industry has to do a better job of policing itself and take responsibility for what it is putting out there.

A1 is generating information called “Hallucinations” or literally “Bullshit” when it doesn’t know the answer and people are spreading it as if it’s fact.  
My bill is designed to address this by alerting users clearly stating that the information is AI generated and not factual!

The fine is \$5000 for each occurrence!

(Oct 20th)



Knights of Columbus!

I found out that my father was a Charter Member of the Father Judge Council of the Knights of Columbus, East Northport, and Rich Fitzgerald invited me to join! So I did!

Thank you Rich for the honor! (Oct 21st)



## Northport-East Northport School District Compass Meeting

I was pleased to see the turnout and the enthusiasm at the Northport-East Northport School District “Compass” meeting. The attendees were broken into groups to discuss various issues affecting the future of education in the District.

Great job everyone! (Oct 22nd)



**Our schools have served  
generations of  
Northport - East Northport  
students.**

**Now it's time to  
look ahead, together.**



**JOIN ME**

Monday, Oct. 6 | 7 p.m.  
Northport High School



## Collaboration with Councilwoman Theresa Mari on Halesite Harbor Walk

It was a great opportunity to appear with Town Councilwoman Theresa Mari on LI Main Street News to talk about our collaboration on Halesite Harbor Walk! Many thanks to our host Erik Alexander for having us! If you're interested in learning more or donating to the American Legion Hall renovation project, please watch or call my office at (631)261-4151! (Oct 23rd)



## American Legion Post Sponsors 11th Graders To Go To Boys and Girls State

Many thanks to the American Legion Post In Greenlawn for once again sponsoring the 11th grade kids from our area to go to Boys and Girls State, including one Sean Brown! And special thanks for Charlie Armstrong for coordinating the kids to give a report back on their experience each year! Such a great leadership program! [#AmericanLegion](#) (Oct 24th)





## Meeting with The League Of Women Voters

I always enjoy meeting with the League of Women Voters whose core beliefs align with mine- free and fair elections and environmental conservation.

We had a nice discussion about my legislation priorities and the upcoming Session and I co-sponsored several bills they are very interested in!

Thank you for what you do!

(Oct 25th)



## Revolutionary War Cemeteries Clean Up

We continued our mission to cleanup all 20 Revolutionary War Cemeteries in the Town in time for 250th Anniversary of the birth of our nation- as our way to honor and pay reverence to the brave men who risked everything to live free to govern themselves. 2 more done! At Smith Cemetery and Wood-Buffet Cemetery. 16 to go! Thank you to the volunteers who came out to lend a hand and preserve our town's incredible history! A huge thank-you to Supervisor Ed Smyth, Councilman Sal Ferro, Town Historian Robert Hughes, the Town Planning Department, and Paws of War for helping make it happen. (Oct 26th)



## 40th Anniversary Celebration Of Arrow Security

Was very happy to attend the 40th Anniversary celebration of Arrow Security with my elected colleagues. A great success story - Arrow employs over 1,000 people internationally in multiple industries.  
Thank you for all you do! (Oct 27th)







## Stony Brook AI Lecture Hosted by Energeia

I attended a great lecture on Artificial Intelligence by Stonybrook Professor Michael Kinch hosted by Energeia with NYS Senator Jack Martins and followed up with him to discuss how we can protect ourselves and users from AI misinformation! (Oct 29th)



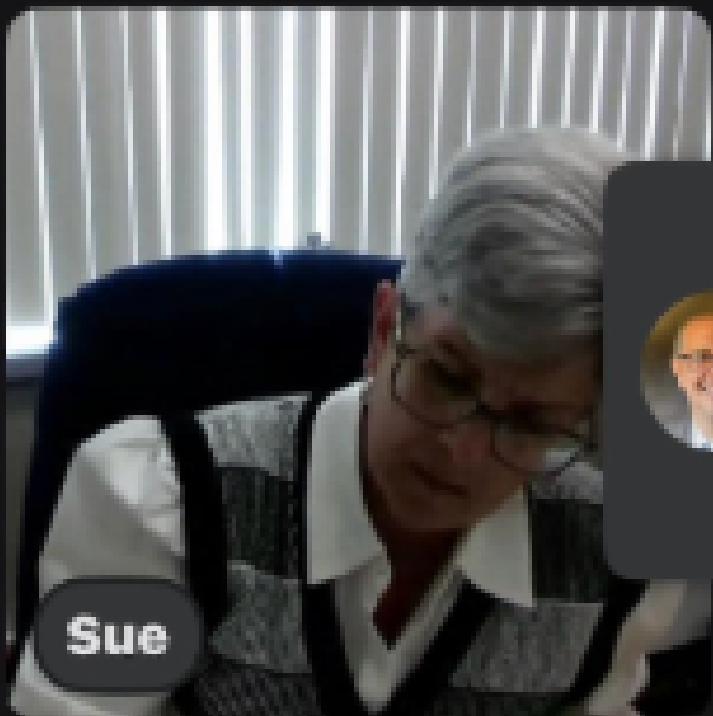
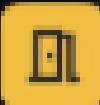


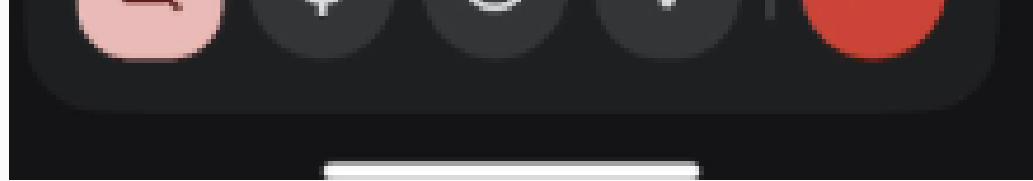
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Sue, David





## Meeting with The Kratom Association

We had a very informative meeting with the Kratom Association about possible legislation to better regulate the sale of Kratom to keep it out of our kids hands and allow for the lawful sale to adults who want it! (Oct 30th)



## Diwali Celebration with BAPS Temple!

Always nice to gather and celebrate Diwali with the BAPS Temple in Melville - it symbolizes the triumph of light over darkness and good over evil. Thank you for opportunity to celebrate with you!  
(Oct 31st)





GOVERNMENT RELATIONS  
COMMITTEE



**FRIDAY,  
OCTOBER 24,  
2025  
8:30-10:30AM**

**CINEMA ARTS  
CENTER**

423 Park Ave.  
Huntington, NY

HUNTINGTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
GOVERNMENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE  
PRESENTS

# PANCAKES & POLICY



Catherine Fee - Moderator



Congressman Tom Suozzi



Congressman Nick LaLota

**Join Congressman Tom Suozzi and  
Congressman Nick LaLota to hear the  
latest developments in Washington.**

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2025**

8:30 - 10:30 am

**CINEMA ARTS CENTER**

423 Park Ave, Huntington, NY 11743

\$45 for Members Breakfast Included

We can accommodate dietary restrictions. Please note them in your registration or email [info@HuntingtonChamber.com](mailto:info@HuntingtonChamber.com).

Registration is Required. Reserve your spot today.  
[Visit huntingtonchamber.com/events to register.](http://huntingtonchamber.com/events)

## Pancakes and Policy Meeting!

Was a busy morning in AD 12, first for the Pancakes and Policy meeting with both US Congressman Nick LaLota and Tom Suozzi, then over to the Water Quality Summit where I met up with our Ways and Means Ranker Ed Ra!  
(Nov 3rd)









## Long Island Co-Occuring System of Care Committee

Recently, my office helped organize the Long Island Co-Occurring System of Care Committee at Molloy College in Amityville where clinicians, service providers, academics, state agencies and both county governments came together to draft a Charter to pledge to collectively work together to create a better system of care for people struggling with mental health issues and substance use disorders and create a true “No Wrong Door” approach.

This important work will save lives and break down the barriers that prevent young people and adults from getting the help they need!

Too many people to thank, but I am so grateful for your dedication to this field! I appreciate the support of Molloy College, OMH and OASAS and both County Executive's Bruce Blakeman and Ed Romaine for being a part of the solution! (Nov 7th)







## Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Young Adult Residence at Outreach Long Island

I was honored to speak at the ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Young Adult Residence at Outreach Long Island, along with NYS Senator Monica Martinez, NYS OASAS Commissioner Chinizo Cunningham, SC Executive Ed Romaine, SC Legislator Jason Richberg and many, many others. Special thanks to the donors and to the men and women who helped build this new beautiful facility for our younger and underserved population right here on Long Island! Thank you Outreach for all you do - saving lives!!!  
(Nov 10th)







## Meeting with Greater East Northport Civic Association

I attended the Greater East Northport Civic Association meeting to keep up with what's happening in my hometown. Really appreciate the residents who stepped up and organized this effort. We spoke a lot about quality of life issues and specifically about the proliferation of Vape Stores and what can be done about them. We discussed what I'm doing at the state level and ideas about what we can do at the Town level! More to come! (Nov 12th)







### Old Burying Ground Revolutionary War Cemetery Cleanup

Many thanks to Laura Leary from my staff and all the volunteers who helped clean up the first and largest Revolutionary War Cemetery in the Town, at the Old Burying Ground on Main Street, along with Town Historian Robert Hughes and Town Planner Ellen Heinz Guerrero. 7 down 13 to go. Circle the date of December 13th for the next clean up day! For more information call my DO 631.261.4151!  
(Nov 15th)





## Washington DC Trip with Colleagues from the NYS Assembly

Spent two amazing days in Washington DC with my colleagues from the NYS Assembly Minority Conference meeting with several federal officials, intergovernmental affairs personnel and Members of Congress, including, but not limited to:

US DOT,

Federal Transit Administration, Director Marc Molinaro

US DOE, Special Assistant to the Secretary, Bryan Kellogg

US DVA, Deputy Secretary Paul Lawrence

US HHS Secretary Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.

Administrator of the Centers of Medicare and Medicaid Services, Dr. Mahmet Oz

The Executive Office of the President;

Congressman Nick Langworthy

Congressman Nick LaLota

Congresswoman Elise Stefanik

Congressman Mike Lawler

Congressman Andrew Garbarino

Congresswoman Nicole Malliotakis

Congresswoman Claudia Tenney!

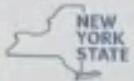
Special thanks to Congressman Langworthy and his staff for putting together the agenda - Will Smith and Jesse Prieto, as well as our Leader Will Barclay and staff: Lauren O'Hare, Stephanie Herrick, Mike Fraser, and Jason Kehoe!

Made a lot of connections and discussed many issues affecting AD 12, such as the Asharoken Sea Wall capital needs, diversifying our power generation portfolio to meet our growing energy needs and keep the Northport Power Station relevant, the Veteran Suicide Crisis and the current condition of the Northport VA, and strengthening our system of care for our most vulnerable residents with Co-Occurring Disorders, educating our kids about mental wellness in school and stopping the flow of fentanyl across BOTH of our borders!

I came back energized and have already followed up on some of them!

Tremendous trip!!! Special thanks to Congressman Langworthy and his staff for putting together the agenda - Will Smith and Jesse Prieto, as well as our Leader Will Barclay and staff of the NYS Assembly Minority Conference: Lauren O'Hare, Stephanie Herrick, Mike Fraser, and Jason Kehoe!





**Department of  
Transportation**

KATHY HOCHUL

Governor

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Commissioner

RICHARD B. CAUSIN, P.E.

Regional Director

November 14, 2025

The Honorable Mario R. Maller  
New York State Senate  
180 East Main Street, Suite 210  
Smithtown, NY 11787

The Honorable Keith P. Brown  
New York State Assembly  
6080 Jericho Turnpike, Suite 310  
Commack, NY 11725

The Honorable Stephanie Bontempi  
Suffolk County Legislature  
224 Wall Street, Suite 203  
Huntington, NY 11743

The Honorable Edmund J. Smyth  
Supervisor, Town of Huntington  
100 Main Street  
Huntington, NY 11743

Dear Honorable:

Thank you for your letter requesting a traffic analysis along NYS Route 25A in the vicinity of Stewart Avenue in the Village of Huntington. I was deeply saddened to hear about the unfortunate October 18, 2025 fatal accident at this location.

New York State Department of Transportation professionals will conduct an investigation which will be completed as expeditiously as possible. You will be notified of the findings and any resultant actions at the conclusion of the investigation.

Thank you for your interest in and support for the transportation system. If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact me or Karyn Meyer, Director of Government Relations, at (631) 952-6632.

Sincerely,

Richard B. Causin, P.E.  
Regional Director

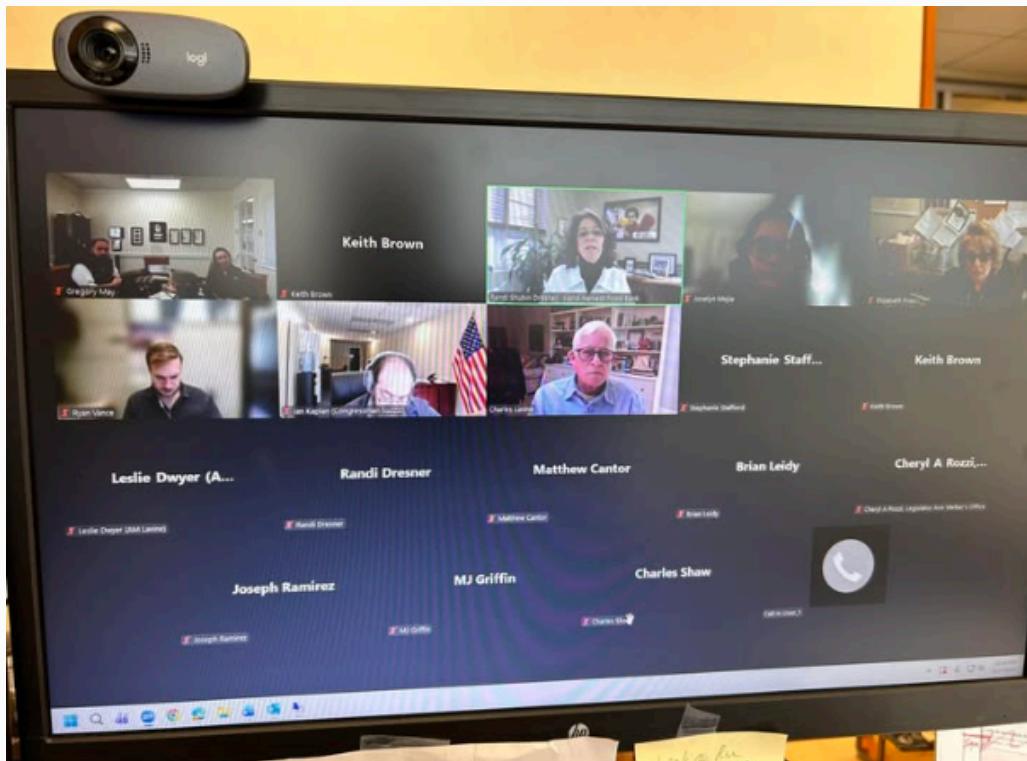
cc: Karyn Meyer, Director of Government Relations

250 Veterans Memorial Highway, Hauppauge, NY 11788 | [www.dot.ny.gov](http://www.dot.ny.gov)

## NYS DOT Begins Investigating Traffic Safety in Huntington

Very happy to report that the NYS DOT responded to our joint letter that they will conduct an investigation into traffic safety in Huntington Village on Main Street as a result of the recent pedestrian fatality and demands from the community!

We are very pleased with this response and look forward to hearing back from the DOT what measures they propose to make our village safer for residents and visitors!!!  
(Nov 21st)



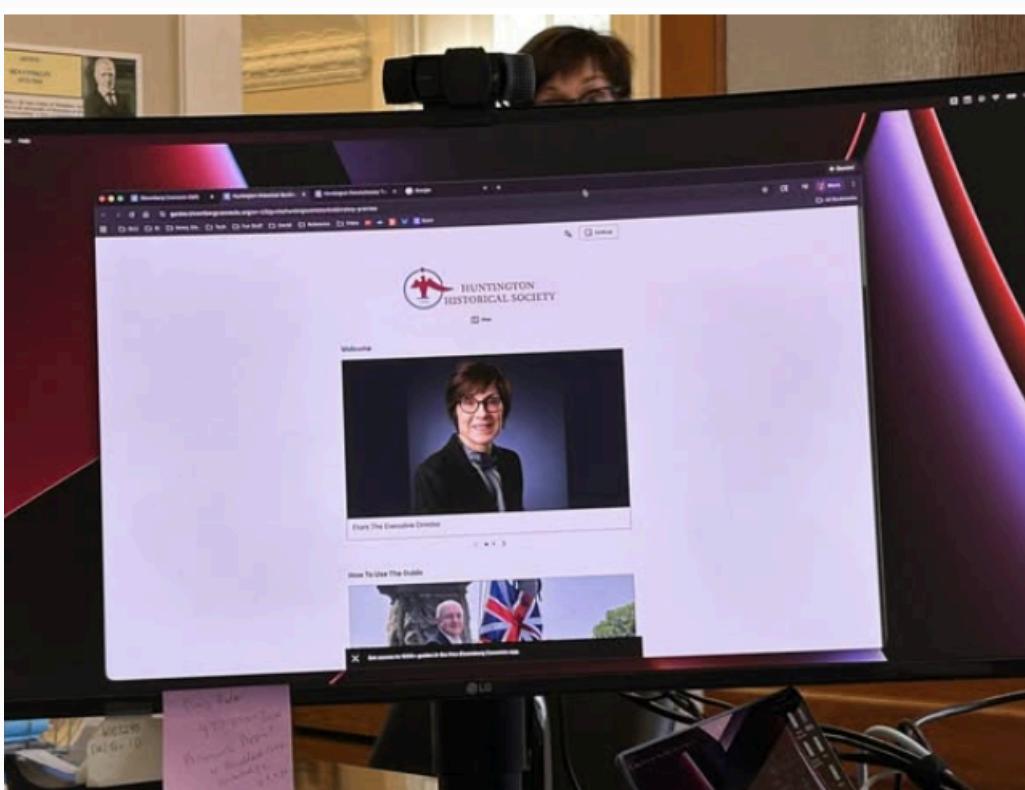
## Meeting with Island Harvest

One of the biggest challenges facing our community is food insecurity - before I got to the Assembly I never realized just how big an issue it is throughout our Island and our state. It was hard for me to fathom how our country could have so many people who go hungry. So whenever Island Harvest raises the alarm bell, I always pay attention and I'm so appreciative of what Randi Dresner's organization does for the residents of Long Island! (Nov 23rd)



## Kiwanis Club Hands Out Dinners this Thanksgiving

I want to thank the Kiwanis Club of Huntington for caring this Thanksgiving Holiday and giving out whole dinners for families in need! Thank you to Gil Picard and his grandson for volunteering at the Huntington Senior Center and distributing food to folks! (Nov 26th)

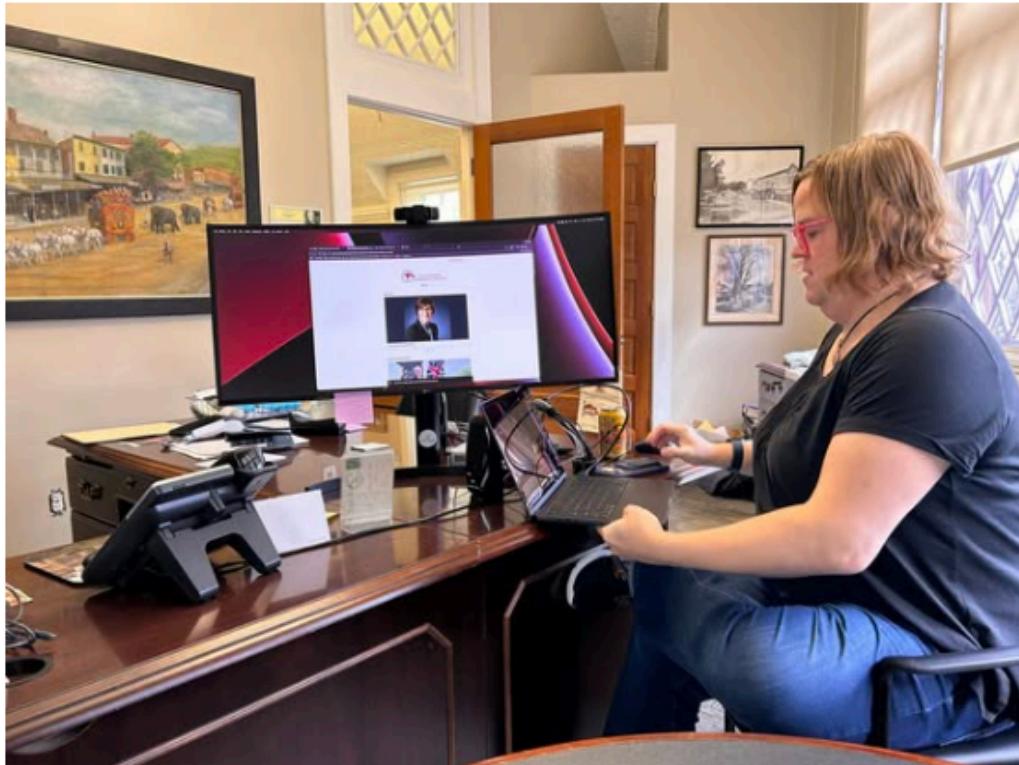


## Huntington Revolutionary War Trail

I was so happy to see the finished product in a sneak preview of a project we started several months ago and finished nine months ahead of schedule for the 250th Anniversary of our great nation!!!

Special thanks to our great Town Historian Robert Hughes, the Huntington Historical Society and Executive Director, Stephanie Gotard, Evangeline J. Knell (Evie) Owner / Creative Director of identitydigital.tv and Bloomberg Connects for a truly amazing, amazing job that totally exceeded my expectations.

We set out about a year ago to create the Huntington Revolutionary War Trail to bring together all of the sites around the village to bring history alive - all in anticipation of the July 4th 2026 Semiquincentennial Celebration!  
I'm looking forward to the actual formal unveiling!  
Exciting stuff!  
(Nov 28th)



Holiday Season Kickoff!!!

It was a great night in the Village kicking off the holiday season and seeing so many people enjoying the Village! Thank you to everyone who made it possible!!!  
(Nov. 30)





## Assembly Joint Hearing on Veterans Affairs and Mental Health

It was an excellent Assembly Joint Hearing on Veterans Affairs and Mental Health organized by Chairs Steve Stern and Joann Simon on Veterans Access to Mental Health Resources. Many great speakers who testified about the current Veteran Suicide Crisis and the situation at the Northport Veterans Hospital who cuts off treatment after 6 months. So many people to thank - the organizers, the presenters and all the attendees - let's keep up the fight to help our Veterans who are struggling by organizing into a Coalition to push for change!



(Dec 1st)





## Zoom Call on Efforts to Clean and Protect Our Waterways

Many of my colleagues and I joined a Zoom call hosted by David Ansell and Save the Sound to hear the latest on efforts to clean and protect our waterways.

I asked if they can assist us in bridging the conversation with Connecticut and keep us apprised of what policies are coming from Hartford and vice versa so that we can work in concert to improve our water quality in our waterway!

Thank you for all your hard work!  
(Dec 2nd)



## Guard Act Signed into Law!

It was great to be on hand to witness the Guard Act being signed into law to protect our servicemen and women from fraudsters pretending to be helping them get the benefits they deserve!

Proud day in Huntington indeed!  
(Dec 3rd)





### VIP Tour of Caumsett State Park

Senator Mattera and I received a VIP Tour of Caumsett State Park. The Park gets over 2 million visitors per year! We got a first hand look at future plans for the historic cow barn, once owned by Marshall Field! Sprawling beautiful place right here in Huntington. (Dec 4th)





# WHO CARES?

## 2026 CAREGIVERS OF THE CAPITOL

AARP New York recognizes the family caregiving contributions of our state legislators.



**We are family caregivers!**

## AARP New York's 2026 Caregivers of the Capitol

Honored to be included in AARP New York's 2026 Caregivers of the Capitol. Caregivers are the quiet heroes, parents, spouses, neighbors, and friends who sacrifice daily to support loved ones. I'm proud to stand with the more than four million family caregivers across New York and will continue working in Albany to ensure they have the resources, respect, and support they deserve.

Thank you to AARP New York for raising awareness and elevating the voices of those who care for others.  
(Dec 4th)



## 100th Anniversary Chamber Gala

I could not attend personally, but was ably represented by my Chief of Staff Sue Broderick.

As a longtime Chamber Member and personal friends with many of the Honorees, like Bob Bontempi and Brian Yudewitz, and its President Jennifer Cassidy, I missed the 100th Anniversary Chamber Gala. It looked like an amazing night!

Here's to another 100 years serving the Huntington Business community!  
Thank you for all you do!

(Dec 5th)







NEWS FROM THE OFFICE OF  
ASSEMBLYMAN  
**KEITH P. BROWN**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: Sam Hogan/[samuelhogan@gmail.com](mailto:samuelhogan@gmail.com)

Date: December 5, 2025

**Assemblyman Keith Brown, Town of Huntington, and  
Historical Partners Announce Launch of New Liberty  
250 Digital Experience on Bloomberg Connects**



*Photographed from left to right: Town Historian Robert Hughes, Evie Knell of Identity Digital, Assemblyman Brown's Chief of Staff Sue Broderick, Executive Director of the Huntington Historical Society Stephanie Gotard, and Assemblyman Keith Brown*

NYS Assemblyman Keith Brown (R,C-Northport), Town Supervisor Ed Smyth, Town Historian Robert Hughes, the Huntington Historical Society led by Executive Director Stephanie Gotard and Evie Knell of Identity Digital have announced the launch of the Liberty 250 digital experience now available through the Bloomberg Connects App.

This new, interactive platform invites residents, students, educators and visitors to explore Huntington's Revolutionary War history directly from their mobile devices. The project is part of the broader Liberty 250 commemoration, highlighting the community's contributions to America's founding ahead of the nation's 250th anniversary in 2026.

"History comes alive with this state-of-the-art app! I'm very excited and proud to have all of us work together to create this innovative way to experience Huntington's rich Revolutionary period history and to do so eight months ahead of schedule," said Brown. "The Liberty 250 digital tour brings our local heritage to life by capturing your attention and making it accessible, from students in the classroom to visitors discovering Huntington for the first time. This is a meaningful step in honoring our past while educating the next generation."

## Launch of Anniversary 250 Digital Experience on Bloomberg Connects

Great collaborative effort! Done 8 months ahead of schedule!  
Please spread the word!  
(Dec 5th)

Huntington Historical Society Executive Director Stephanie Gotard added, "I am grateful to Bloomberg Connect for their commitment to making history and culture accessible. I am proud of the videos created by Evie Knell and Robert Hughes. They highlight the important role Huntington played in the American Revolution. I am excited to share our app with our community. I appreciate the support the Huntington Historical Society receives from our elected officials."

Town Supervisor Ed Smyth said, "This project shows how great collaboration and technology can make a huge impact in the preservation of Huntington's history. The Huntington Historical Society, guided by Executive Director Stephanie Gotard and her team, and Town Historian Robert Hughes, with the support of Assemblyman Keith Brown, continue to use innovation and creativity to preserve and share our community's rich past. By bringing these Revolutionary War stories into a digital format, they have made it easier than ever for residents and visitors to connect with Huntington's history."

Evie Knell of Identity Digital, who supported the digital development, said, "It was a great honor to be a part of the Huntington Historical Society's leap into new, interactive video technologies with Liberty 250 on Bloomberg Connects. It's especially a pleasure to be able to work with Robert Hughes, who is a master at expertly connecting the varied stories that make up Huntington's history while making all of them relevant and important to today's audiences."

"I'm so appreciative of the hard work done by our great Town Historian Robert Hughes, Stephanie Gotard, Evie Knell, the Huntington Militia and musicians and Bloomberg Connects for creating the videos that correspond with the historic sites in Huntington Village," Brown added.

Residents can access the Liberty 250 digital experience by downloading the Bloomberg Connects App and visiting the Huntington Historical Society's page.

Scan This QR Code  
for a link  
to download the  
**Bloomberg Connects App**  
and to visit the  
**Huntington Historical  
Society Page!**



*Assemblyman Keith P. Brown represents the 12th Assembly District, which includes parts of Suffolk County, encompassing the vibrant towns of Huntington, Babylon and Islip. For more information about Assemblyman Keith Brown, [please visit his official website](#).*



### Meeting with Pastor Lynn from Fountainhead Congregation

Had a great meeting with Pastor Lynn from Fountainhead Congregation in East Northport located @ 782 Larkfield Road, East Northport, NY to discuss food insecurity in our community and the desperate need for help for food donations for Christmas.

If you want more information go to their website:

<https://fountainheadcongregation.com/>

Please help those less fortunate this holiday season!

(Dec 7th)



## Huntington Men's Choir Christmas Concert

Yesterday, I was feeling better and I didn't want to miss the Huntington Men's Choir Christmas Concert!

They were truly amazing!

Started in 1949, they have performed in our town several times every year!

Special thanks to Carl Grasso for inviting me! Thank you for the gift of song!  
(Dec 8th)



## Addressing Vaping Across Long Island

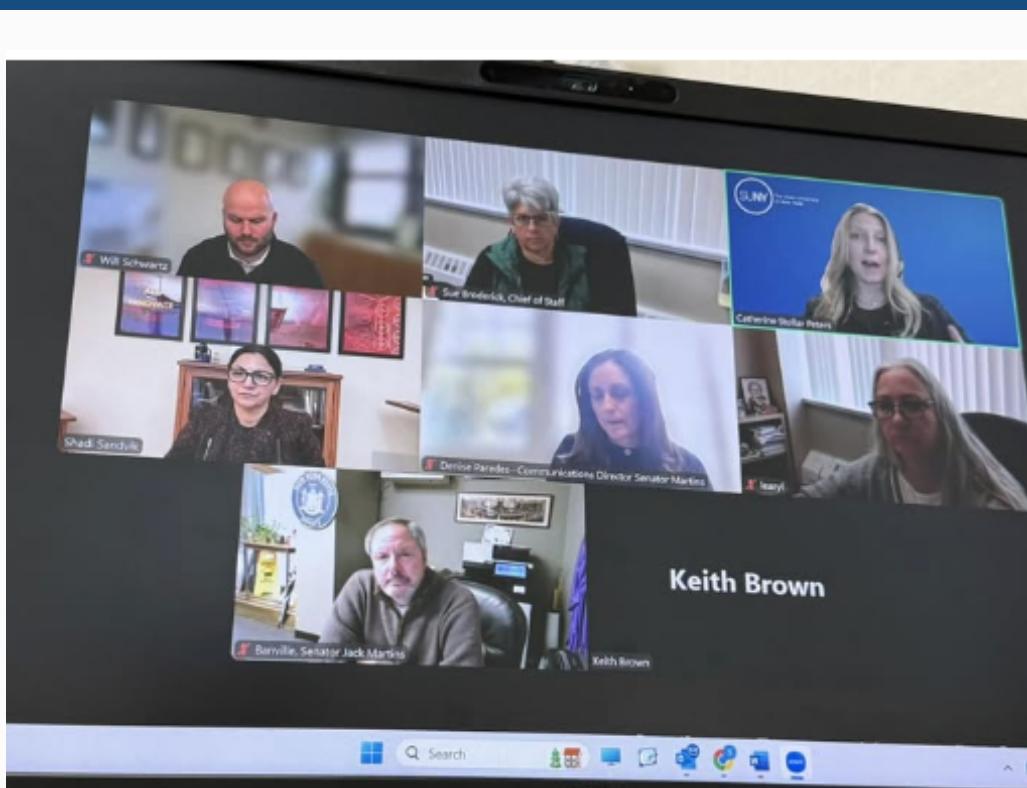
We had a great Zoom meeting with Huntington Town Councilman Dr. Dave Bernardo and Town Attorney Ed Gathman to discuss the Town's Vaping Code and how other towns on Long Island are dealing with the over proliferation of vape shops in our downtowns. I appreciated their time and willingness to listen and work together.  
(Dec 9)



## Meeting with Sea Grant

My Chief of Staff Sue Broderick and I had a great conversation with the folks at Sea Grant about a few of the projects in our area, such as the Asharoken Sea Wall, the Northport Dredge Project, as well as the waterfront projects in Halesite, Cold Spring Harbor and Northport. They are a great resource and very helpful for finding the grant funding we need to bring these projects into action! Thank you for reaching out!

(Dec 10)



## Bipartisan AI Roundtable

I am working with NYS Senator Jack Martins and my colleague in the Assembly Alex Bores to convene a bipartisan and bicameral Artificial Intelligence Roundtable with the

University of New York Stonybrook AI Innovation Institute in January to discuss trending topics where the state government needs to create policies for AI applications like banning AI from substituting for a mental health therapist or substance use clinician as one example. The hope is to work with the professors at Stonybrook not to curtail innovation but to put up the proper moral and ethical standards for AI use. Stay tuned!  
(Dec 11th)



### Meeting with Harborfields School District

I represent 10 school districts and have, over my time in the Assembly, tried to foster a nice working relationship with all of them, but only one invites us each December to discuss their concerns prior to the upcoming Legislative Session. Thank you to Harborfields SD and Dr. Manning for inviting us and having a candid conversation about these important issues like teen mental health, electric school bus mandates, the Child Victims Act, mentoring, curriculum changes, unfunded mandates, special ed, free school meals program, etc.

We really enjoyed our time and working with you and congratulations on your recognition by the state as a district of Excellence Award!!!

(Dec 12th)







## Wreaths Across America with The Daughters Of The American Revolution!

I am so grateful that among us are individuals who care about our nation's history as much as I do. Yesterday, the Daughters of the American Revolution organized Wreaths Across America to remember our men and women who served so bravely in the birth our nation and protection of liberty in a somber ceremony by placing wreaths on their hallowed gravesites just as they have for over a hundred years.

We then went back to their Headquarters and honored two individuals who have made a difference by devoting themselves to making sure that history lasts: our great Town Historian, Robert Hughes and, from the Sons of the American Revolution, Wayne Haddock!

Proud to honor these great residents.  
(Dec 14th)









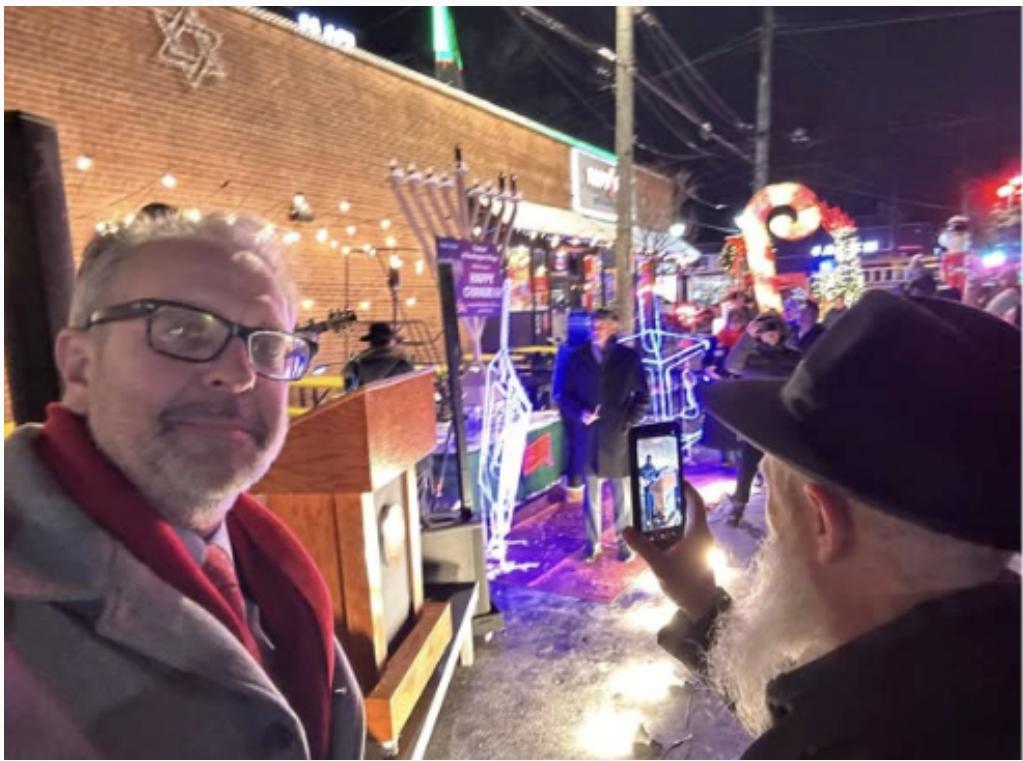
## Mourning the Victims of Anti-Semitism this Hannukah

Last night, we joined together to light the menorah in Huntington Village to celebrate Hannukah - but this year had significant meaning.

We condemn the attack on the Jewish community at Bondi Beach in Sydney, where innocent people celebrating the first night of Hanukkah were targeted by gunmen in what authorities have called a terrorist act of antisemitism. At least 11 people have been killed and many more wounded in this senseless violence that has devastated families and an entire community.

We extend our deepest condolences to the victims, their families, and all those affected, especially as the Jewish world was preparing to welcome the Festival of Lights. This should have been a moment of joy, celebration and peace. We are outraged by the growing wave of antisemitism that has manifested in this tragedy and in rising hate across Australia and around the world. There is no place for hatred, bigotry, or violence in our society. We stand in unwavering solidarity with our friends of the Jewish faith, affirming that attacks on one community are an attack on us all.

To our Jewish brothers and sisters — we mourn with you, we stand with you, and we will continue to fight against antisemitism and hatred in all its forms. (Dec 15th)





## CN Guidance's New Crisis Center Opening

I was thrilled to be at the opening of CN Guidance's new Crisis Center in Bethpage w both Commissioners of OMH Dr. Sullivan and OASAS Dr. Cunningham and so many of my elected representatives. Many thanks to the state and County Executive Bruce Blakeman, Anissa Moore, Jill Nevins, Omyra Perez, Barry Wilinsky and Legislator Rose Walker for providing Opioid Settlement Funds to build this beautiful new state of the art facility.

Congratulations to my dear friends and Northport natives Jeff Friedman and Mary Silberstein for building their dream! It's a wonderful new facility and will provide hope to so many families!!!

Thank you for doing God's work!!! (Dec 18th)



## 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:

### October

10/1 Members Only Conference  
10/2 Fair Meadow Park Public Art Groundbreaking  
10/2 Superfund Call with NYPIRG and Lisa Tyson  
10/3 LICA Fall Legislative Breakfast  
10/3 LI Family Support Services Advisory Council Legislative Breakfast  
10/3 LICOSOCC Planning Meeting  
10/6 Zoom meeting with Google (Bill A.9091)  
10/6 Harbor Walk Zoom for American Legion  
10/7 Meeting with American Kratom Assn  
10/8 Meeting with League of Women Voters  
10/8 Meeting with AFL-CIO  
10/8 Order Sons and Daughters of Italy Membership Meeting  
10/10 Public Hearing: The Treatment Court Expansion Act (S.4547)  
10/14 LICOSOCC Planning Call  
10/16 NAACP Huntington Meeting  
10/17 LICOSOCC Meeting  
10/20 Energia Partnership's Partners Forum  
10/20 Huntington Lawyers Club  
10/21 Kratom Association Introductory Call  
10/24 LI Water Conference  
10/24 SC Addiction & Prevention Quarterly Meeting  
10/25 American Legion of Suffolk County Legislative Breakfast  
10/28 LICOSOCC In Person Meeting  
10/28 ABLI Assoc Board Mtg  
10/29 Combating Problem Gambling on Mobile Wagering Platforms Hearing  
10/29 Groundbreaking of the Empire Automotive Group Technology Center at Suffolk CC  
10/30 Linear Hydrogen Generator call with National Grid  
10/30 PSYPACT Legislative Briefing  
10/30 Greater East Northport Civic Association Meeting  
10/31 Nassau Council of Chambers of Commerce Legislative Breakfast and Person of the Year Awards  
10/31 Meeting with Constituent- Louis Acompora

### November

11/4 Call with student from UC Boulder  
11/5 LIA Meeting- Carrie Meek Gallagher speaking  
11/6 PSEG Long Island Heat Pump and Electric Vehicle Conference (Reg. at 7:30, Conf starts at 8:00)  
11/6 Update on LIRR Negotiation Zoom-Intro to IBEW Local Union 589  
11/7 Island Harvest SNAP zoom  
11/10 Call with AM Brown and Stephanie Marquesano (COD Curriculum for schools)  
11/10 State AI Policy Forum  
11/11 Veteran's Day Appreciation Event In Deer Park  
11/11 Meeting with Huntington Historical Society and Identity Digital re: Revolutionary War Trail  
11/12 NY Assembly Public Hearing on Veteran Affairs & Mental Health-Keith & Sue  
11/12 Greater Huntington Boating Council Meeting-speaking about waterfront/maritime issues  
11/13 State of the Sound 2025 Clean Water Call  
11/14 Island Harvest SNAP benefit call  
11/14 Sen. Martins, AM Brown and Mike Kinch-Stony Brook AI Meeting  
11/17 Travel to Washington DC to meet with US DOT and Members of Congress  
11/18 Travel to Washington DC to meet with US Dept of Energy, Veterans' Affairs, HHS, White House Staff and Members of Congress

## Events Attended:

### October

10/5 Town Of Huntington's 2nd Annual Pink in the Park  
10/5 1653's First Annual Oyster Jam  
10/5 Deer Park Lions Club Pasta Dinner  
10/5 Townwide Fund Rocktoberfest Fundraiser  
10/6 TOH Italian Heritage and Culture Celebration and Flag Raising  
10/9 Sorrentino Turkey Drive Fundraiser  
10/9 Huntington Boating Council's Meet the Candidates Night  
10/11 TOH Chamber Fall Fest  
10/12 TOH Chamber Fall Fest  
10/15 AOH Golf Outing Dinner  
10/15 Northport Historical Society and Museum Curator's Circle  
10/15 Troop 12 Court of Honor  
10/16 The Deconstruction of the Crippen House  
10/16 Arrow Security 40th Anniversary Ribbon Cutting  
10/18 Lewis Oliver Farm Fall Festival  
10/18 TOH High School Army Navy Game-Huntington vs. Northport  
10/22 Diwali Celebration and BAPS Temple in Melville  
10/23 Cemetery Restoration Ceremony with Sal Ferro and Robert Hughes  
10/24 Town of Huntington Chamber Breakfast-Congressmen Suozzi and LaLota guest speakers  
10/30 Ribbon Cutting then tours of Outreach Young Adult Residence

### November

11/5 East Northport Chamber Networking event  
11/5 AOH Division 4 Meeting  
11/8 Town of Huntington Veteran's Day Parade  
11/9 Town of Huntington Veteran's Day Ceremony  
11/10 REI 2025 Fall Luncheon  
11/12 NYLCV Reception  
11/13 HAFAMM Visionaries Gathering Hosted by Huntington African American Museum at The Harvard Club  
11/18 Harborfields High School Career Connect, Trade and Talent Expo  
11/20 Governor's appearance at American Legion Post 360 to sign The GUARD Act (A.8476)  
11/20 Huntington Chamber 100th Anniversary Gala  
11/21 Eagle Court of Honor Henry Rudaitis  
11/26 Thanksgiving Festivities at American Legion Post 360  
11/28 Northport Village Tree Lighting  
11/29 Northport Small Business Saturday  
11/29 Huntington Holiday Parade  
11/29 Huntington Tree Lighting

### December

12/3 Huntington Historical Society Revolutionary War Trail App Release Reception  
12/4 ABLI Holiday Reception  
12/6 Unveiling of the Bald Eagles of Centerport bronze sculpture  
12/7 Huntington Men's Chorus Concert  
12/8 Huntington Lawyers Club Holiday Celebration  
12/9 Deer Park Chamber Holiday Party  
12/10 LICA Holiday Reception and Dinner Buffet  
12/10 SC Superior Officers Holiday Celebration  
12/11 Huntington Station BID Tree Lighting  
12/11 Holiday Dinner at Wellbridge  
12/11 Islip GOP Holiday Victory Celebration  
12/12 SC Detectives Holiday Party

11/20 LIREG - Networking Breakfast - AI Impact  
11/20 Oyster Bay/Cold Spring Harbor Protection Committee  
11/20 Briefing at American Legion Post 360 with Governor Hochol signing the GUARD Act (A.8476)  
11/20 Meeting & Tour with Caumsett Foundation, AM Brown, Cara Longworth and Senator Mattera  
11/21 Meeting with Pastor Lynn from Fountainhead Congregation  
11/21 Vaping Meeting with TOH and AM Brown  
11/21 LIRR Fare Changes Zoom  
11/24 Harbor Walk Meeting  
11/24 Deer Pilot Zoom with Student Petra Brown  
11/24 State AI Policy Forum  
11/25 Zoom with Sen Martins and SUNY AI Task Force  
11/25 Field Trip Meeting with Museum

[December](#)

12/1 Legislative Breakfast with Harborfields Central School District Board of Education and Administration  
12/1 Meeting with Huntington Town Supervisor  
12/2 PodCast with Theresa Ford  
12/3 Catholic Health Ribbon Cutting  
12/4 Harbor Walk Sub-Committee Zoom Meeting  
12/5 Vision Long Island Smart Growth Summit-Sue & Keith  
12/5 Ribbon Cutting Ceremony celebrating the opening of the CN Guidance Community Crisis Center  
12/5 State AI Policy Forum  
12/10 Legislative Symposium on Drugged Driving  
12/10 Assembly Joint Mental Health and Alcohol & Drug Abuse Public Hearing: Behavioral Health Workforce  
12/10 Funding Planning Costs for Water Infrastructure Webinar by EFC  
12/10 Intern training Webinar  
12/12 Legislative CLE Classes all day  
12/15 Catholic Health Legislative Breakfast  
12/15 State Artificial Intelligence Policy Forum  
12/16 Meeting at District Office-Outreach 2026 schedule  
12/17 Islip NAACP Meeting  
12/18 TOH Engineering-Touchbase on American Legion Deadlines  
12/18 Virtual Meeting of the Long Island Regional Planning Council - Dowling Speaking  
12/18 NAACP Huntington Meeting  
12/19 SC Corrections Holiday Party  
12/20 Drinks & Dreidels-Melville Chabad

12/13 Wreaths Across America-Robert Hughes being honored at lunch  
12/15 TOH Menorah Lighting  
12/15 District Office Holiday Dinner  
12/16 SCPBA Holiday Party  
12/17 Chanukah Menorah Car Parade and Menorah Lighting-Melville Chabad  
12/17 Suffolk YJCC Chanukah Shine A Light program



- 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 de-escalation 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](mailto:learyl@nyassembly.gov).

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