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## Upcoming Events:

**Meet Mikulin – an opportunity to meet  
your local Assemblyman!**

**Friday, May 17 • 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.**

**Bethpage Public Library**

47 Powell Avenue, Bethpage, NY 11714

**Saturday, June 22 • 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.**

**Farmingdale Public Library**

116 Merritts Road, Farmingdale, NY 11735

**Tuesday, July 23 • 7 p.m. – 8 p.m.**

**Island Trees Public Library**

38 Farnedge Road, Levittown, NY 11756

## **Blood Drive**

**Thursday, July 25 from 2:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.**

**Levittown Fire Department**

120 Gardiners Avenue, Levittown, NY 11756

# The 2019-20 New York State Budget

While the Legislature was able to deliver on some positive things within the 2019-20 State Budget, there were also a lot of cuts, tax hikes, and troubling pieces of legislation passed.

Assemblyman John Mikulin and the Assembly Minority were successful in fighting to restore funding to crucial programs for veterans' mental health, such as the Joseph P. Dwyer program, which pairs veterans with other veteran peers. Also passed in this year's state budget was making the property tax cap permanent, which the Assembly Minority has been relentlessly pushing for.

Assemblyman Mikulin expressed his concern about the lack of attention paid to realistic funding for local schools and libraries.

"I am also utterly appalled at the treatment of our police officers and the lack of attention to the debt New York is currently drowning in. Additionally, though the governor mentioned it in his budget presentation a few months ago, there was no mention in any of the budget proceedings regarding the Grumman Plume. I plan to keep a close eye on this issue as it directly affects our district, and hold the governor to his promise to contain and clean the plume."

***"A smaller, leaner, more efficient government will help shrink the cost of doing business in our state and allow employers to do what they do best: create jobs."***

## Grumman Plume Solution Still Up in the Air

During Gov. Cuomo's State of the State and Budget Presentation back in January, the governor proposed a plan to contain and treat the spread of toxic contamination from the Northrop Grumman Site Facility, also known as the Grumman or Bethpage Toxic Plume. This is an issue which started in the late 1940s after the Grumman Aircraft Engineering Corporation moved to Bethpage in 1937. Over the years the plume has spread,

affecting a large portion of the area Assemblyman John Mikulin represents. There was no mention of treatment or containment of the Grumman Plume in the 2019-20 State Budget.

"I am extremely disappointed in the lack of attention paid to the Grumman Plume in this year's state budget," said Mikulin. "This is an issue which has directly affected our community for over 75 years. While we've seen a number of promises made with little action taken over the years, I wanted to give the governor and Legislature one more chance to make good on their promise. I had hoped this time would be different, however it seems like it is not. Enough is enough. They've had 75 years to fix the problem, it's time the plume is taken care of once and for all."



## New Use of Force Policy Potentially Hinders Police Ability to Protect & Serve

Assemblyman John Mikulin (R,C,Ref-Bethpage) is outraged by the inclusion of legislation (A.2005-C) in the State Budget to establish Use of Force Reporting and Use of Force Policy for police officers proposed by the Assembly Majority and Gov. Cuomo. The legislation would require the chiefs of every police department, county sheriffs, and State Police superintendents to report all incidents in which a police officer uses force. It would also require any agency which employs police officers to establish a use of force policy.

“Police officers have one of the most difficult jobs in our nation,” said Mikulin. “This legislation not only adds to their already heavy workload by piling on the paperwork, it could also impact their performance by slowing reaction times. This puts New Yorkers at risk by hindering an officer’s ability to protect and serve their communities. I did not support this legislation and fought for the Assembly Majority and governor to pull it from the budget.”



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# IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

### NASSAU COUNTY

Consumer Affairs Office.....	516-571-2600
County Clerk.....	516-571-2664
Emergency Management.....	516-573-0636
Health Department.....	516-227-9697
Parks, Recreation & Museums ....	516-572-0200
Public Works.....	516-571-9600
Office of the Aging.....	516-227-8900
Social Services.....	516-227-8519
Nassau County Veterans Service Agency (including transportation program.....	516-572-6560
VA Hospital in Northport.....	631-261-4400
VA New York Regional Office ....	1-800-827-1000
VA Life Insurance.....	1-800-669-8477
L.I. State Veterans Nursing Home.....	631-444-8500
U.S. Veterans Affairs Veterans Resource Center.....	516-348-0088
Mental Health Association Hotline.....	516-227-8255
Veterans Administration.....	516-572-6565
Section 8 Voucher for Homeless Veterans.....	516-572-1900

### TOWN OF HEMPSTEAD

Animal Shelter.....	516-785-5220
General Services.....	516-489-5000
Helpline.....	516-489-6000
Highway Department.....	516-489-5000
Parks and Recreation.....	516-292-9000
Public Safety.....	516-538-1900
Sanitation Department.....	516-378-4210
Street Lighting Repairs.....	516-378-2260
Town Clerk.....	516-489-5000
Building Department.....	516-538-8500

### TOWN OF OYSTER BAY

Animal Shelter.....	516-677-5784
General Services.....	516-624-6100
Highway Department.....	516-677-5757
Housing Authority.....	516-349-1000
Parks Division.....	516-797-4128
Public Safety.....	516-677-5350
Public Works.....	516-677-5935
Recycling (S.O.R.T.) Hotline.....	516-755-1839
Town Supervisor.....	516-624-6360
Town Clerk.....	516-624-6332
Building Division.....	516-624-6200

### POLICE PRECINCTS

#### FIRST PRECINCT

(East Meadow,  
Uniondale, Wantagh.....) 516-573-6100

#### SECOND PRECINCT

(Bethpage, Levittown, N. Massapequa,  
Plainedge, S. Farmingdale.....) 516-573-6200

#### THIRD PRECINCT

(East Meadow, Westbury.....) 516-573-6300

#### SEVENTH PRECINCT

(Massapequa, N. Massapequa,  
Seaford, Wantagh.....) 516-573-6700

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