



THERE OUGHT TO BE A LAW

I hosted my sixth annual “There Ought to Be a Law” ceremony this year at Mineola Middle School to recognize 33 semi-finalists who were selected to represent their class. There were 657 total entries from local schools throughout the district. Congratulations to this year’s winner, Mohini Moolsankar from Manor Oaks School, whose idea to enact limitations on social media usage for young children is both timely and essential, and honorable mention recipient Elyse Fabre of Mineola Middle School, who wants to ensure students’ safety on school buses. And thank you to all who participated this year! Your creativity and commitment to improving our community are truly inspiring.



PETITION TO FAA ON AIRPLANE NOISE

In July, I joined local leaders, including Town of Hempstead Supervisor Don Clavin, Town of North Hempstead Supervisor Jen DeSena and Rep. Anthony D’Esposito, to address persistent airplane noise in our communities. We announced a petition to the FAA and legal action if necessary. I also co-wrote a letter with Assemblyman Brian Curran urging the FAA to distribute flights more fairly to reduce noise impacts on residential areas. This petition represents a major step in our ongoing efforts to balance air travel needs with community well-being. We are united in advocating for quieter skies and equitable flight distribution to protect our residents’ health and happiness.



VALENTINE'S TO VETS

I partnered with the Mineola School District, Mineola Memorial Library and the Hillside Public Library to celebrate another successful year of my Valentine's for Veterans program, which aims to show our local veterans how much we appreciate their sacrifices by collecting donations of sweatshirts, toothpaste and other personal care items, along with unique Valentine's Day cards made by students. The donations and handmade cards were delivered to the Long Island State Veterans Home and the Northport VA in February. A heartfelt thank you goes to all those who contributed and dedicated time to craft cards for our veterans.



SIXTH ANNUAL VIDEO CHALLENGE

In May, I recognized the winners of my 2024 Video Challenge themed "Let's Get Real." High school students shared how their education prepares them for the real world and suggested improvements. The winning video, "Embrace Your Education," by Antonio Brugellis, Christopher Dizon, Zaara Khan and Nicole Wood from H. Frank Carey High School, emphasized the practical applications of high school subjects in everyday life. The students excellently promoted using education to build a better future. Congratulations and thank you to the students of H. Frank Carey and Garden City High School for participating!



Watch my video on this topic here



BIKE RODEO

In June, I hosted a Bike Rodeo at Garden City Middle School for children in kindergarten through fifth grade. The event featured bicycle inspections, helmet fit-checks and skill-building activities where participants practiced riding techniques such as hand signals, lookbacks and braking. This event is a great opportunity to teach essential safety skills and promote healthy, active lifestyles. I'm grateful to all who came out to participate, the Garden City PTA and the New York Coalition for Transportation Safety for their support in making this event a success.



Join us at our upcoming Bike Rodeo event

Sat. 10/5, 11am - 1pm
at the Franklin Square
Public Library



Registration
required, scan the
QR code to sign up



FLAG DAY CELEBRATION

Flag Day was commemorated this June by presenting American flags to the Locust and Hemlock schools in the Garden City School District. Each flag had been flown over the Capitol building in Albany. During my visits, I discussed with students the significance and history of Flag Day and shared some fun facts about the American flag. It was an honor to share this day with the students and to provide them with a deeper understanding of our nation's heritage. These moments are vital in ensuring the legacy and meaning of our flag are carried forward by future generations.



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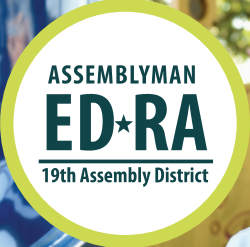
I was pleased to sponsor Law Enforcement Appreciation Day in New York again this year. I implemented my Praise Our Police program with several school districts, and the response was overwhelming. My office received several hundred letters, messages, cards, banners and posters with words of appreciation and support. Thank you to all of the law enforcement officers who serve and protect our towns, counties, schools, state and national!

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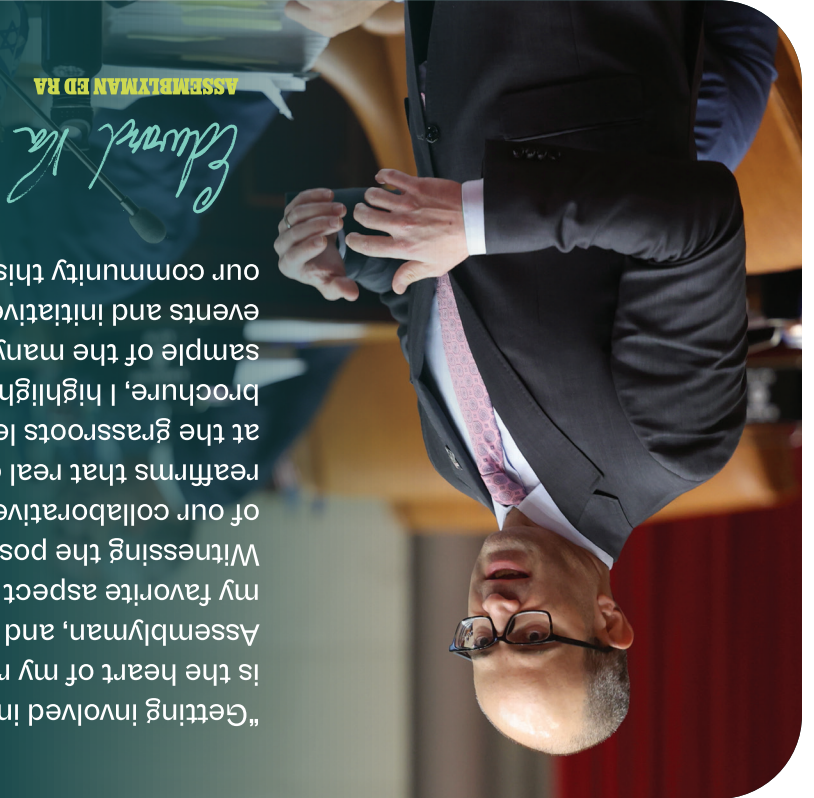
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2024 COMMUNITY UPDATE

"Getting involved in the community is the heart of my role as an Assemblyman, and it's truly my favorite aspect of the job. Witnessing the positive impact of our collaborative efforts reaffirms that real change begins at the grassroots level. Within this brochure, I highlight just a small sample of the many remarkable events and initiatives undertaken in our community this year."



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