

E-NEWSLETTER

ASSEMBLYMAN

KEITH P. BROWN

A Message from Keith:



Autumn has turned to winter, and as that happens, we prepare ourselves to celebrate all the great holiday events that come this time of year. I hope you have a chance to get out and celebrate the holidays with those that mean the most to you! Or even take a nice brisk walk to get out of the house.

Holidays can also be a rough time for some. If you are not feeling well mentally be sure to talk to people you confide in and/or consider calling a professional. If you or anyone you know is in need of assistance, please call the District Office at 631-261-4154. If there is an emergency, you can call 631-952-3333 for the County Crisis Intervention Center.

We are attending legislative meetings with many stakeholder groups, we're drafting new and important legislation, and we are preparing for the hard work of the legislative session and budget season.

Some good news! I have been reappointed by the Minority Leader to head the efforts of the Assembly Minority Conference on the Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Committee and have added the Committee on Mental Health to my other committee assignments: Judiciary, Environmental Conservation and Housing. I am honored for the privilege of serving in that capacity for the people of the state and AD 12.

This year seems to be setting up as a tough go when it comes to the budget, but we are hopeful that the money the state has seen in this period of inflation will end up back in the hands of the residents and the support systems we count on so heavily.

Mental Health and Co-Occurring Disorders, Education, Clean Water, and Local Waterfront Resiliency Projects are all priorities of mine moving into 2025. These areas need the Legislature's support and the funding within the budget to keep New York moving forward.

I am very much looking forward to representing you this legislative session, and I welcome your ideas and your feedback!

God bless our friends and families, our state, and our great nation; and here's to a happy New Year!

Your Assemblyman,



Hon. Keith P. Brown



Cow Harbor Race

This year's Cow Harbor Race start featured the most participants I'd ever seen! It was great to see so many people out taking part! Thank you to the many volunteers for their hard work in pulling it off every year! It's a great day in our community!
(Oct. 3)



NHS Class of '95 Basketball Team

It was so nice to be at the unveiling of the renovated basketball court donated by the NHS Class of '95 Basketball Team. Such a feel-good story. Such a sense of community that came together and got it done! (Oct. 4)



Co-Occurring Disorder Committee

Three years in the making, we recently gathered at Molloy University—both Nassau and Suffolk counties, community-based organizations and academia for the very first time—to discuss creating a Co-Occurring Disorder Committee in both counties to provide wrap-around care for people with both mental illness and substance use disorder.

I was very encouraged by the receptiveness of both County Executives Romaine and Blakeman on this issue and we agreed to work together and meet next month to get into the weeds on this reform! Special thanks to everyone who has supported and played a role in creating a “No Wrong Door Approach!” (Oct. 5)



Cow Harbor Parade

It was an amazing Cow Harbor Parade this year!

I told Michael Branigan he was the best Grand Marshal the parade has ever had, and I told Mayor Koch the whole weekend was filled with a great sense of community in Northport. There are so many good things happening in the village right now; it's great to be a part of it! (Oct. 8)



Veterans Dinner

Dr. Ray Mascola honored several members of our community, including Michael Branigan, Tom "Captain America" Kehoe, Hon. Stephanie Bontempi, Hon. Steve Stern and me for our work supporting veterans and others at his annual dinner at St. Anthony of Padua in East Northport!

Thank you Ray for all you do for our community, our police and our veterans!
(Oct. 9)





PO Jeff Josephson's Retirement

Congratulations to PO Jeff Josephson on his retirement after a long-distinguished career in service to our community. I said to the crowd assembled at his walkout, "If the measure of a man is the impact he's had on others, then Jeff succeeded."

Special thanks to Mayor Letica and Jeff's brothers and sisters in blue for marking this special day! (Oct. 12)



30th Huntington Chamber of Commerce Fall Festival

Friday night, I kicked off the 30th Huntington Chamber of Commerce Fall Festival at the Heckscher Park Harry Chapin Stage, along with Chamber Board President Jennifer Cassidy, the Chamber Executive Board and Town Councilwoman Theresa Mari! I am proud to be a Chamber member for many years! (Oct. 13)



Annual Columbus Day Parade in Huntington

It was a great day in Huntington marching in the Annual Columbus Day Parade with my elected colleagues and celebrating the contributions Italian-Americans have made to our country, Italian culture and Italian pride. It was the first time for my wife Barbara (Buffone) to march in the parade with me—whose family emigrated from Sicily and Cosenza in the 1920s, who fought in WWII in the Army and Army-Air Corps and who helped defend and build this country.

Thank you to the Sons and Daughters of Italy for organizing a great parade and for bringing the Papal Band from Naples—a highlight to the parade! (Oct. 14)



Huntington Historical Society Annual Fall Fundraiser

The Huntington Historical Society hosted its annual fall fundraiser, honoring Patricia Del Col for her outstanding contributions to Huntington in so many capacities. Congratulations, Pat, and thank you for all that you have done for our community! (Oct. 15)



Volunteer Firefighter Press Conference

I joined Governor Kathy Hochul and other elected colleagues at the Deer Park Fire Department for a press conference yesterday highlighting three new grants awarded to our volunteer firefighters. One of the grants announced was for \$300,000 and will go to the Suffolk County Fire Academy for equipment upgrades to ensure they have a state-of-the-art facility to train in. (Oct. 16)





Long Island Contractors' Association (LICA)

Special thanks to Long Island Contractors' Association (LICA) for bringing together elected officials, local unions, and community organizations at their Annual Legislative Breakfast to talk about the need for infrastructure projects on Long Island. (Oct. 17)





AOH Div. No. 4 Golf Outing

It was a great day at the AOH Div. No. 4 Golf Outing honoring Town Supervisor, my friend, and fellow Hibernian Ed Smyth. (Oct. 19)





Village of Northport Board of Trustees

I am very appreciative of the great relationship I have with Mayor Donna Koch and the Village of Northport Board of Trustees. We meet on a regular basis to discuss the issues affecting our community and how I can help, be it grant money or otherwise. (Oct. 19)



Women of Distinction Fall Brunch 2024

It was a great day for my Women of Distinction Fall Brunch at the View honoring twelve outstanding women in AD 12, including:

Karen Breen, Dr. Cathy Coleman, Kate Deegan, Donna Elliot, Nina Fleisig, Bunny Hoest, Meg McConnell, Sarah Lansdale Ridaitis, Stacey Sikes, Dr. Andrea Ward, Priscilla Zarate, and Karen Acompora. (Oct. 20)





October Huntington Town Board Meeting

I attended this month's Huntington Town Board meeting to offer my support for the two new Vaping Code Provisions to help keep vape products out of the hands of minors and to thank Councilman Sal Ferro and Town Attorney Susan Coleman for spearheading the effort! (Oct. 21)





Save the Sound

I want to thank Save the Sound and David Ansel for their advocacy. Their Report Card has been a game changer highlighting the importance of cleaning up our waterways.

This year, the news was generally good as we are trending in the right direction, but there is still more work to do, especially in Northport. That's why it's so important to Vote Yes for Prop #2 and develop a stormwater management plan for the entire town. Thank you Cornell Cooperative Extension and the many volunteers who collect the data and make it possible. See the Report Card below! (Oct. 23)



Nassau-Suffolk School Boards Association (NSSBA)

I attended an important meeting with the Nassau-Suffolk School Boards Association (NSSBA) with my Chief of Staff Sue Broderick and my legislative colleagues to discuss many issues facing us this upcoming Session, especially the future of Foundation Aid Reforms; Zero-Emission Busing Mandates; Smartphone Bans in Schools; Civil Service Reforms; Charter School Reforms; Child Victims Act Claims; BOCES CTE Teacher Expenses; Pre-K Funding; etc.

I suggested to everyone that we should meet again after December 1st when the Rockefeller Institute publishes its Report on Foundation Aid, and we all agreed

that was a good idea! (Oct. 26)



Long Island Council on Alcoholism & Drug Dependence (LICADD) Annual Brunch

I sponsored and was asked to speak at the Long Island Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence (LICADD) Annual Brunch.

My heartfelt congratulations to the Honorees, the Hon. John Flanagan and Eileen and Larry Lamendola for their support in this field. All three are incredibly strong people who have overcome adversity in their lives for the betterment of others!

I spoke about our work together to bring about a Co-Occurring Disorder Committee in both Long Island counties and the need for the leadership in this state to do more to combat the current fentanyl crisis we are experiencing. We are losing a whole generation of kids. We need to do more and demand action to stop the madness and the number of fatal overdoses!

For more information about LICADD please call (631) 979-1700 (Oct. 28)





Moonjumpers Breast Cancer Awareness Fundraiser

Topped off a busy night to stop by the Moonjumpers Breast Cancer Awareness Fundraiser! Thank you to the organizers, all the sponsors and Del Vino Vineyards for hosting! A great night! (Oct. 30)





Huntington Township Chamber of Commerce Lunch N Learn

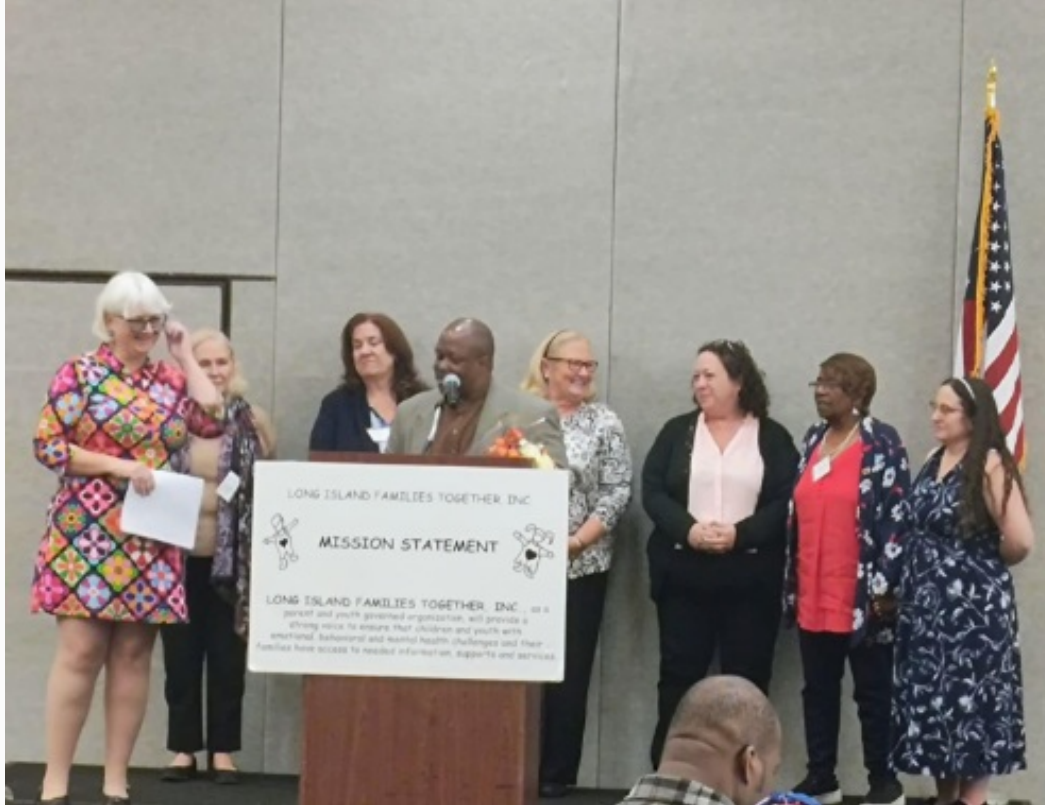
It was a nice turnout for our Lunch N Learn with the Huntington Township Chamber of Commerce.

Special thanks to President Jennifer Cassidy, Leanne Gelish, Kelly Smith for their help organizing the event, Board Members Alec Borg, Marc Cronin, among others, the attendees, the Presenters, the food sponsors:

Christopher's Courtyard Cafe;
Neraki Greek Mediterranean Grill;
New York Panini; and host
Cinema Arts Centre.

Thank you to my friend and partner in Albany NYS Senator Mario Mattera for co-hosting with me, SC Legislator Stephanie Bontempi's Office and her aide Tyler Kobe; Town Supervisor Ed Smyth's Office represented by Deputy Supervisor John McCarron, Chief of Staff Michelle McCarthy and Citizen Advocate Jonas Wagner and Councilman Sal Ferro's Office Ellen Guerrero for attending!

I hope Chamber Members gained some valuable insight into what the agencies can do to help small businesses thrive! (Oct. 30)



Long Island Families Together, Inc. (LIFT)

I joined several of my colleagues to attend the Long Island Families Together, Inc. (LIFT) Breakfast where my friend and colleague, NYS Senator Patricia Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick, who is the Senate Ranker of the Mental Health Committee, gave a great keynote address.

We heard some heart wrenching stories from people whose loved ones struggled with mental health issues and talked about fixing our broken mental health system! It was a great morning! Thank you for the invitation and the opportunity! (Nov. 1)



Phoenix House

I was honored to have been asked by Dr. Ann-Marie Foster of the Phoenix House to give the keynote address to 20 very proud graduates of their substance use recovery program at Hofstra University! I told them to keep looking forward, that guilt and regret never helped anyone, and that they are an inspiration to others to get better.

Just like the name implies—Phoenix House—to start anew. May God bless them and keep them strong and safe, and if they falter, to help them back up!
(Nov. 2)



Elwood School District Homecoming Parade

It was great to march in the Elwood School District Homecoming Parade with U.S. Congressman Nick LaLota, the Elwood School Board and present a Proclamation to Dr. David Spergel for his induction into the John Glenn High School Hall of Fame—appropriately for his work in astrophysics. I never knew that U.S. Senator John Glenn, who was one of the original Mercury astronauts and the oldest man to fly in space at the time, announced his bid for president in the gym at the high school.

Congratulations to Dr. Spergel, Class of 1978, for the recognition! (Nov. 3)



Greater East Northport Civic Association

NYS Senator Mario Mattera and I attended the inaugural meeting of the Greater East Northport Civic Association where we spoke about many issues from regulating Vaping to the Mental Health Crisis and everything in between! Thank you for inviting us! (Nov. 3)



Diwali Celebration at the BAPS Temple

We came together in bipartisan spirit with our friends at the BAPS Temple to celebrate Diwali - the Hindu New Year! Thank you Girish Patel for welcoming us into your beautiful temple and bringing us together! (Nov. 5)



1653 Foundation

U.S. Congressman Nick LaLota presented a check to the 1653 Foundation for improvements to Huntington Artists Alley Renovation Project.

Thank you to Congressman LaLota for all you do for Huntington. (Nov. 5)



Westchester Co-Occurring Disorder Conference

I had the opportunity to attend the Westchester Co-Occurring Disorder Conference with several of my elected colleagues to learn what our sister county is doing to help people suffering from mental illness and substance use disorders. It was a great conference, well attended and informative.

Special thanks to Stephanie Marquesano of The Harris Project and Michael Orth, who created the Westchester County Co-Occurring Disorder Committee, for the invite and for their hard work and dedication! (Nov. 8)



Assembly District Libraries Directors Meeting

Thank you to Town Supervisor Ed Smyth, the entire Town Board, our Receiver of Taxes and Town Clerk for a celebration of our Veterans today at Town Hall! It was a beautiful ceremony topped by the Huntington Men's Chorus! (Nov. 10)





US EPA Annual Drinking Water Forum

Saltwater intrusion is a very real threat to Long Island's drinking water and it's currently being mapped thanks to the folks at the US EPA. I attended the annual drinking water forum with my colleague AM Ed Ra at Bethpage to learn more about this topic. (Nov. 11)



Touro Land Use Institute

I attended a great panel discussion on Transportation put on by the Touro Land Use Institute. Many thanks to the participants and Jen Casey, our SC



Long Island Builders Institute Annual Meeting

Last night I attended the Long Island Builders Institute Annual Meeting along with NYS Senator Mario Mattera! Congratulations to all the new Board members!
(Nov. 14)



Huntington African-American Museum at the Unitarian Fellowship of Huntington

Last night, I attended a fundraiser for the Huntington African-American Museum at the Unitarian Fellowship of Huntington. It was a great night and very informative! Many thanks to CEO Barry Lites and the Board for their efforts!
(Nov. 17)



Busy Tuesday in the Long Island Community!

It was a whirlwind Tuesday:

1st stop - SC School Superintendents Association fall meeting to discuss several issues related to our schools;

Then to Harborfields HS Job Fair with NYS Senator Mario Mattera and SC Legislator Stephanie Bontempi and Town Councilman Dr. David Bennardo;

Then to the Real Estate Institute of SUNY Stony Brook at Bethpage State Park Heritage Club;

Then a Zoom call update on the Asharoken Sea Wall with Mayor Greg Leticia and NYS Senator Mario Mattera;

Then to meet actor, director, and producer Hank Azaria with my wife Barbara;

Then back to Bethpage Heritage Club for the NYS League of Conservation Voters fall dinner with SC Presiding Officer Kevin McCaffrey SC Legislator Jason Richberg and Deputy Majority Leader Michaelle C. Solages!

A day in the life of a NYS Assemblymember! (Nov. 22)





Gurwin Jewish Nursing & Rehabilitation Center

Happy to support the Gurwin Jewish Nursing & Rehabilitation Center and all they do for our community and AD12 at their annual Gala. Wonderful people and a great asset to care for those of a tender age! (Nov. 23)



Huntington Holiday Parade

It was a great kickoff this holiday weekend in Huntington with the Holiday Parade and lots of festivities! I hope you got out to enjoy some of it! (Dec. 2)



Catholic Health Legislative Breakfast

Had the privilege of attending Catholic Health legislative breakfast yesterday,

along with my fellow legislative colleagues, Senator Patricia Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick, Assemblyman Michael Durso, Assemblyman Ari Brown, Assemblyman Michael Fitzpatrick, Supervisors Edmund Smyth, Joseph Saladino and Jennifer DeSena, among others, to discuss the important work they do for our community.

Catholic Health is an integrated system providing top-notch health and human services across Long Island, with nearly 16,000 employees and a network that includes six acute care hospitals, three nursing homes, home health services, hospice care, and physician practices. Under the sponsorship of the Diocese of Rockville Centre, Catholic Health is a vital lifeline, serving hundreds of thousands of Long Islanders each year and providing care that spans from birth to end-of-life.

Their dedication to serving our community with compassion and excellence is truly commendable, and I look forward to continuing to support their mission to deliver quality care for all. (Dec. 4)





Tour of DASH in Hauppauge

Yesterday, I organized a tour of DASH in Hauppauge, the first crisis intervention center in NYS, which opened in 2019!

Many thanks to Family Service League and their innovative approach and to my colleagues who came to learn what they do. My hope is that we can replicate it throughout the state and tackle our mental health and substance use disorder crises head on with the kind of wrap around services offered here!

The hotline is 631-952-3333 to get more information if you have a loved one in crisis! (Dec. 5)



Harborfields School Board Annual Legislative Breakfast

Thank you to the Harborfields School Board for inviting us to their annual Legislative Breakfast to discuss issues of concern this coming Session! (Dec. 6)



Vision Long Island 25th Anniversary

Congratulations to Vision Long Island on their 25th Anniversary and another successful Smart Growth Summit. Thank you Eric Alexander, the Vision staff, all of the sponsors, and presenters for bringing us all together to discuss the important challenges and find solutions for our beloved Island. Thank you to SC Executive Ed Romaine and NYS Comptroller Tom DiNapoli for your leadership and very informative lunch keynotes! Great day! (Dec. 7)



John's Crazy Socks 8th Anniversary

Happy 8th Anniversary to John's Crazy Socks and congratulations to Mark and John Cronin for what you have created by empowering people with special needs! It was a great event! They make for great stocking stuffers! (Dec. 8)



Huntington Lawyers Holiday Party

Stopped by to say hello at the Huntington Lawyers Holiday Party on my way to the East Northport Chamber of Commerce Holiday Party! (Dec. 9)



Happy Holidays!

As we gear up for the holidays and Session in January, we are asked to attend Legislative Breakfast to discuss priorities that various groups have who ask us for our help.

In my mind, there is nothing more important, as a society, than making sure our brothers and sisters have adequate food, clothing, and shelter. Yesterday's meeting at Long Island Cares brought that home, and I so appreciated the words of SC Executive Ed Romaine about SNAP benefits and food insecurity here on Long Island. Thank you Paule Pachter and your team at LI Cares for all you do and keeping Harry Chapin's legacy alive!

Then, had a great meeting with SCDA Ray Tierney's Office, with Allen Bode and Megan O'Donnell, and others to discuss specific legislation to address the Fentanyl Crisis like Death by Dealer, the Diversion Court Program and the lack of certain data collected by OCJS to track appearances by Defendants in the post-Bail Reform Era.

Then, over to the District Office to check in and see all the wonderful donations of coats and toys given to our office, which will be donated to LI Cares and local churches. Special thanks to AOH Division No. 4 Huntington and Nassau Suffolk Building Trades for their assistance on the Toy Drive and Coat Drive! Tremendous response! (Dec. 14)



Wreaths Across America

Many thanks to Pam Hansen and the Daughters of the American Revolution Ketewomoke Chapter, Town Historian Robert Hughes, Huntington Historical Society Executive Director Stephanie Gotard and to everyone who braved the cold to remember and honor our fallen heroes on this Wreaths Across America Day. DAR did a great job coordinating yesterday's ceremony with hundreds of organizations across the country! (Dec. 15)



Kiwanis Club

Me, Sean and Barb, along with a dedicated group of volunteers, helped the Kiwanis take the flags down at Town Hall the other day. Many thanks to Dr. Dan Picard for starting this event every year to celebrate and honor our great nation! (Dec. 17)



Cinema Arts Centre

Was happy to be on hand, along with my elected colleagues, for the Arts Council as they handed out their grants from monies provided by NYS in last year's budget at the Cinema Arts Centre. The grants were awarded to local artists after an extensive review and vetting process. So, the grants that were given out represent the best of the best!

Congratulations to all the recipients and to Kieran Johnson and the Arts Council for adding art into our lives. Artists make the world fun! (Dec. 19)



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.

Meetings:

October

10/2 - Zoom with DASH
 10/2 - Monthly Call with Northport Veterans Administration Hospital
 10/28 - Lunch & Learn Prep Call with Huntington Chamber of Commerce

November

11/6 - Revolutionary War Trail meeting with Robert Hughes, Stephanie Gotard and 1653 Foundation
 11/12 - Meeting with Clifford Austin - East Northport Chamber of Commerce
 11/13 - Breakfast Meeting with SC Legislator Stephanie Bontempi
 11/13 - LICOSOCC Planning Meeting
 11/15 - LICOSOCC Meeting In Person at Molloy
 11/19 - Suffolk County Superintendent's Legislative Meeting
 11/19 - Save the Sound Legislative Zoom Call
 11/19 - Asharoken Seawall Zoom with Mayor Greg Letica and NYS Senator Mario Mattera

December

12/4 - Meeting with David Ansel, Save the Sound
 12/4 - DASH Tour with NYS Legislators
 12/5 - Legislative Breakfast -Harborfields Central Administration & Board Of Education
 12/9 - Meeting with Deb Pantin of Outreach LI
 12/9 - Meeting regarding Indian Hills
 12/12 - Northport Dredge Project Meeting
 12/13 - Meeting with the Suffolk District Attorney's Office
 12/16 - John's Crazy Socks Meeting
 12/16 - MTA Congestive Pricing Webinar
 12/16 - Virtual Regional Legislative Roundtable Discussion for NY Disability Advocates
 12/17 - Belles In Blue Introductory Meeting
 12/18 - N-SSBA Legislative Breakfast regarding Rockefeller Institute Report on Foundation Aid
 12/19 - Governor's Briefing on CDPAP
 12/19 - MTA Congestion Pricing Briefing
 12/19 - Intern Management Training
 12/20 - American Revolutionary War Trail Group Meeting with Gardiner Foundation
 12/23 - Meeting with SC Legislator Stephanie Bontempi
 12/23 - Meeting with County Executive Romaine

Events Attended:

October

10/1 - Plumbing Contractors Association of LI Legislative Breakfast
 10/2 - Live demonstration, uniformed officers and TruNarc™ handheld narcotics analyzer (Sue)
 10/4 - The Long Island Family Support Services Advisory Councils' Legislative Breakfast
 10/8 - TOH Board Meeting to speak about Vaping Resolutions
 10/10 - Save the Sound Press Conference-Long Island Sound Report Card
 10/16 - Nassau-Suffolk School Board Legislative Breakfast/Roundtable
 10/17 - Long Island Contractors Association Annual Legislative Breakfast
 10/17 - Long Island Families Together 20th Annual Legislative Breakfast
 10/17 - Phoenix House Graduation-Keynote Speaker
 10/19 - Marched in Elwood Homecoming Parade
 10/20 - Women of Distinction Brunch
 10/22 - Greater East Northport Civic Association Meeting
 10/23 - Westchester Co-Occurring Disorder Conference
 10/25 - Long Island Water Conference-Drinking Water Symposium
 10/27 - LICADD Healing Breakfast - Speaker
 10/29 - Long Island Association Annual Luncheon
 10/29 - Northport Chamber Networking Event
 10/30 - State Agency Lunch & Learn hosted together with Huntington Chamber of Commerce
 10/30 - Moonjumpers Breast Cancer Awareness Fundraiser

November

11/2 - Ancient Order of Hibernian Chili Cook Off
 11/3 - Deer Park Lions Club Pancake Breakfast
 11/5 - Veterans Lunch
 11/6 - Melville Chamber Presents Long Island's Economic Outlook for 2025
 11/7 - Huntington Historical Society Long Island History Day
 11/10 - Town Of Huntington's Veterans Day Ceremony
 11/13 - LIBI Water's Edge Event
 11/13 - Order Sons and Daughters of Italy Meeting
 11/14 - CN Guidance Crisis Center Groundbreaking
 11/16 - Huntington African American Museum Fundraiser
 11/19 - Energia Partnership Screening of "Origin" and Panel Discussion
 11/20 - Revolutionary War Trail Group Meeting
 11/21 - 2024 Gurwin Healthcare Gala
 11/21 - Annual Networking Breakfast- State of the Huntington Chamber
 11/21 - LIREG Fall Festival Networking Event
 11/25 - To Albany-Assembly Pre-Session
 11/30 - Town Of Huntington Holiday Parade and Tree Lighting

December

12/2 - Catholic Health Legislative Breakfast
 12/6 - LI Smart Growth Summit

12/6 - East Northport Chamber Christmas Party
12/7 - John's Crazy Sock's 8th Anniversary Party
12/11 - Huntington Chamber Holiday Party
12/11 - Ancient Order of Hibernians Christmas Party
12/11 - American Legion Post 360 Holiday Event
12/13 - Long Island Cares Legislative Breakfast
12/17 - Northport Historical Society Holiday Event
12/23 - DA Tierney Holiday Luncheon



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 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.



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
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