



A MESSAGE FROM LEGISLATOR SIELA BYNOE

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LAKEVIEW LIBRARY DEDICATES CHILDRENS LIBRARY TO THE MEMORY OF MALVERNE TEACHER



Legislator Siela Bynoe recently participated in the dedication of the Children's Library at the Lakeview Public Library. The Children's Library is named "Cherry Lane" in the memory of Carol Cherry, a former educator at Davison Elementary School in Malverne. Legislator Bynoe presented a citation to the dedicated teacher's family. "Nothing is more gratifying than honoring those who are encouraging our youth to love literature at a young age," said Legislator Bynoe.



Dear Neighbor,

I have proudly served as your County Legislator for eighteen months. I look forward to continuing to work with you to make Nassau County and the Second Legislative District an even better place to live.

We began 2015 gearing up to fight against a proposed casino development project. Thankfully, after organizing in partnership with great community leaders and local elected officials, we were able to have the development defeated before it even began.

We also made 'zombie houses' a real priority this year. I partnered with Legislator Laura Curran of Baldwin to fight to eliminate 'zombie homes' once and for all. I'm proud to tell you that we passed Land Bank legislation that will aid in turning 'zombie houses' into homes for families.

There have been so many other exciting things we have accomplished together. This newsletter will highlight just some of what we have achieved.

Please never hesitate to contact me at the phone numbers and email addresses provided in this newsletter. My office staff joins me in our efforts to help find solutions and we always welcome suggestions.

Nassau County Legislator, 2nd LD

'JACK & JILL' PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS WITH LEGISLATOR SIELA BYNOE VISITING THE THEODORE ROOSEVELT EXECUTIVE & LEGISLATIVE BUILDING



LEGISLATOR BYNOE JOINS HAPAC TO CELEBRATE FLAG DAY & HONOR POWELLS LANE PRINCIPAL



Legislator Bynoe joins HAPAC (Haitian American Political Action Committee) in honoring Claudia Germain, Principal at Powells Lane Elementary in Westbury at the HAPAC Flag Day celebration at the "Yes We Can" Community Center in Westbury.

ADDRESSING HOMEOWNERS' CONCERNS

Legislator Bynoe was invited to speak with more than 350 members of the Homeowners' Association at Meadowbrook Pointe to directly address concerns on the tax grievance process and public works issues.

The event shed light on the lack of consistency in the tax levy in that community and the timeline of the street improvements. Both key concerns for homeowners in the community.

Legislator Bynoe continues to work with the Nassau County Department of Assessment and Department of Public Works to ensure these concerns are addressed in a timely fashion.



'BACK TO SCHOOL' BACK PACK GIVEAWAYS MAKE FOR SMILES EVERYWHERE



With the help of our community partners we were able to put smiles on the faces of our young people when they prepare to return to school. We proudly handed out thousands of backpacks throughout the 2nd Legislative District.

Thank you...

NCPBA, NC Superior Officers Association, NC Detectives Association, Bethpage Federal Credit Union, Fidelis Care, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc., Delta Sigma Theta, Sorority Inc., Local NAACP Chapters, Hempstead Coordinating Council of Civics and my colleagues in government.

MAKING MENTAL HEALTH A PRIORITY



By bringing Mental Health First Aid to Nassau, Legislator Siela Bynoe is fighting to reduce the stigma of talking about, and addressing, mental health problems. Legislator Bynoe crossed the aisle to work with Legislator Francis Becker (Republican, District 6), to secure the funding to host a series of Mental Health First Aid trainings with the goal of transforming community responses to mental health challenges.

The course introduces common health challenges for youth, reviews typical adolescent development and teaches a 5 step action plan for how to help young people in both crisis and non-crisis situations.

On September 26, Siela will host the first Mental Health First Aid training in Nassau County. "This program is designed to ensure mental health issues are not hidden away, but instead get identified and managed. Implementing the mental health first aid program will get our young people the help they need prior to a mental health event resulting in a tragedy. It's time we stop treating symptoms and get to the root cause," said Legislator Bynoe.

LEGISLATOR BYNOE LEADING THE WAY TO SOLVE THE 'ZOMBIE HOUSE' PROBLEM

In an effort to combat the plague of zombie houses in Nassau County, Legislator Siela Bynoe, along with Legislative colleague Laura Curran, introduced legislation to establish a land bank. Legislator Bynoe believes the establishment of a not-for-profit Nassau County Land Bank Corporation would be a crucial tool to begin to rehabilitate, renovate and market vacant and abandoned homes, known as zombie houses. Nassau County currently has nearly 2,000 zombie houses, most of which are foreclosed properties owned by banks. "These zombie houses bring down the property values of surrounding homes, are a blight in our

neighborhoods."

Last month the Nassau County Legislature approved a bill that would allow New York State and the Land Bank Corp. to work with Nassau's towns, villages, and cities to identify the most dangerous zombie houses, and then acquire, rehabilitate and market those properties – with an eye to making them affordable and sustainable. The land bank will seek state and federal grants to fund the projects, and later would be self-funded through sales of the rehabilitated houses. The Nassau County Land Bank Corp. would complement state legislation proposed by New York State Attorney General Eric Schneiderman which requires banks and lenders to maintain houses in foreclosure as soon as they become vacant, rather than waiting for the end of the foreclosure process.



communities, act as a magnet for crime and vandalism, and create unsafe conditions," said Legislator Bynoe. "The establishment of a land bank is a critically important step to alleviate this mounting problem, and to protect our

TERRACE AVENUE FIRE RESPONSE



After a five-alarm fire burned through 100 Terrace Ave. Housing complex in Hempstead on February 19, Legislator Bynoe rushed to the scene to assist in the response efforts. Legislator Bynoe, who serves as the executive director of a federal housing authority, worked directly with the landlords and local housing authorities to secure housing for affected families. She wholeheartedly thanks the agencies on hand to assist residents following the tragic event, including the Fire Department, Social Services and the Hempstead Housing Authority.



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POLICE BODY CAMERAS BRING PROTECTION TO

THE PUBLIC AND THE POLICE



On May 18th, 2015, after more than a year of Legislator Bynoe leading the advocacy campaign to bring more transparency to our County government, Nassau County announced a pilot program to bring body-worn cameras to a fleet of officers.

"Utilizing technology to capture interactions between police officers and residents will serve to de-escalate emotionally charged situations. I am very happy that Nassau County is taking the steps necessary to provide increased safety for our residents and our hard working police officers," said Legislator Siela Bynoe

FIGHTING A WASTE TRANSFER STATION IN HEMPSTEAD

In June, Legislator Bynoe began communicating with residents about the waste transfer station being proposed for Hempstead. Like so many residents she was troubled by this proposal due to the environmental and health impact it could have to those who neighbor it.

"I am most concerned about the potential environmental hazards associated with the facility including vermin, dust and other contaminants as well as pollution, congestion, noise, and safety issues generated by increased traffic on local streets," said Legislator Siela Bynoe.

Siela continues to coordinate with community leaders from the Village of Hempstead to bring more attention to this proposal and communicate the issues and concerns that will affect the Hempstead community.

LEGISLATOR BYNOE BRINGS THE STEP-UP! TEEN MENTORSHIP PROGRAM TO HEMPSTEAD, WESTBURY & MALVERNE HIGH SCHOOLS

Nassau County Legislator Siela Bynoe proudly launched the Step Up! Program designed to connect young Black and Latino males in high school with a college-aged peer mentor. A select group of students at Hempstead, Westbury and Malverne High Schools participated in the Step Up! Program in May where Legislator Bynoe and representatives from Nassau Community College did more than speak to students; they brought in young adults who attended Nassau Community College, recently graduated and are now attending four year universities.

"The Step Up! Program brings young people who are actually living the principles to speak about the benefits of continuing education. These relatable mentors can provide powerful life testimonies," shared Legislator Bynoe.



IMPROVING TRANSPORTATION

Legislator Bynoe nominated a real rider to the Taxi & Limousine Commission to represent the views of all those who commute and travel through Nassau County by taxi or limousine. She congratulates Candace A. Coleman on being appointed to the Commission and for her service in providing a voice to Long Islanders. Siela also held a transportation forum with members of the Transportation & Limousine Commission, NICE Bus and the MTA in attendance to discuss issues and concern that affect commuters daily. The MTA representatives accepted applications for rider discount cards for seniors and disabled commuters.