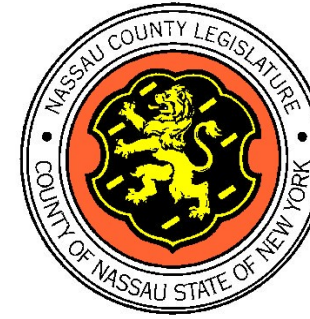


Nassau County Legislator

Arnold W. Drucker

1550 Franklin Avenue

Mineola, NY 11501



LEGISLATIVE NEWSLETTER

16TH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT

Plainview - Old Bethpage - Syosset - Woodbury - Jericho -
Old Westbury - Hicksville - Roslyn Heights

A Message From Legislator Arnold W. Drucker

Dear Neighbor:

As a Nassau County Legislator, my top priority has always been preserving the health, safety, and well-being of our children and families. As a new school year begins, I would like to take a moment to discuss some of the steps I am taking to achieve this goal.

To protect the safety of students, I recently filed legislation that would allow local school districts to install cameras on school buses to hold drivers that recklessly pass stopped buses accountable.

In an effort to shield our youth from the horrors of nicotine addiction, I spear-headed legislation that would restrict the advertising of tobacco products near schools and playgrounds and filed a bill that would ban the sale of most flavored e-cigarette products in the County. And, to protect the privacy of all Nassau residents, I secured unanimous passage of legislation that prohibits the malicious and vengeful non-consensual distribution of intimate images.

As a lifelong animal lover and proud pet parent to Louie and Callie, I am also the sponsor of legislation that would prevent dogs from being inhumanely tethered for extended periods of time in extreme temperatures. I am hopeful that many of these important initiatives will be enacted with the unanimous support of the Nassau County Legislature.

Perhaps my most favorite part of this past year has been becoming grandfather to baby Liam. As young people face challenges in finding housing, I am proud to continue working towards making Nassau County a more wonderful and affordable place for our children and grandchildren and supporting policies that make this County more inviting to millennials and seniors.

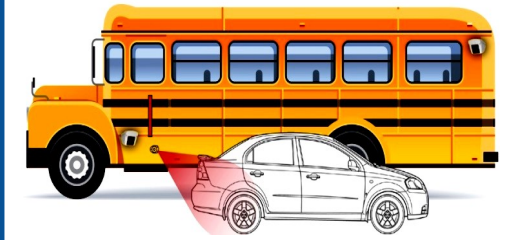
I want to take this opportunity to thank you for allowing me the distinct honor and privilege of serving you as your Legislator. As I continue to work hard on your behalf, I welcome your input, suggestions, and advice. My office is always available and endeavors to respond as quickly as possible to your needs because, as a lifelong resident of our community, I share your concerns.

Please feel free to contact me at any time at (516) 571- 6216 or via email at ADrucker@nassaucountyny.gov.

My best,

Arnold W. Drucker

Arnold W. Drucker
Nassau County Legislator (LD 16)



Yield For School Buses **- It's The Law!**

If you're ever tempted to pass a stopped school bus to shave a few minutes off your morning commute, it's important to know that you're more likely than ever to get caught.

With the backing of his Minority caucus colleagues, Legislator Drucker has filed legislation that would empower local school districts to opt into a program that allows the County to install cameras on school buses. Those will capture motorists in the act of illegally whizzing past school buses as students board, the hazard lights are on and the stop sign is out. Legislator Drucker anticipates bipartisan support and swift passage of the measure.

The penalty for passing a stopped school bus includes a fine of \$250 to \$300, points on your license and even the possibility of jail time. So, if you're one of the approximately 50,000 motorists that the New York Association for Pupil Transportation estimates breaks the law each day, make sure to think twice before you risk a steep fine and the safety of our children.

SAVE THE DATE

Property Tax Exemption Workshops

Homeowners can gain individual assistance from Department of Assessment staff with filing for their exemptions during these sessions. Workshops are 1 – 2:30 p.m.

- **Wednesday, Oct. 30 at the Old Bethpage Restoration Village**
- **Friday, November 1 at the Jericho Public Library**

Upcoming Meetings of the Nassau County Legislature

Full meetings of the Nassau County Legislature are scheduled for **Monday, Sept. 23; Monday, Oct. 28; Monday, Nov. 25 and Monday, Dec. 16.**

Scheduled meetings of Nassau County Legislature committees are set for **Monday, Oct. 7, Wednesday, Nov. 13 and Monday, Dec. 9.**

Senior Scam Presentation

To help raise awareness of senior fraud and scams, Legislator Drucker will host a "Senior Scam Presentation" on Friday, Oct 18th from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Jamaica Avenue School located at 85 Jamaica Ave., Plainview, N.Y. 11803

All attendees must RSVP via email at ADrucker@nassaucountyny.gov or call 516-571-6216

PROTECT YOURSELF FROM SCAMS

Got Questions? Get Answers!

Here's how to get in touch with Legislator Drucker:



Call 516-571-6216



Email ADrucker@nassaucountyny.gov



Visit <http://www.nassaucountyny.gov>



Follow us at <https://www.facebook.com/LegislatorArnoldWDrucker/>

Nassau Outlaws Non-Consensual Distribution of Intimate Images

In March, County Executive Laura Curran signed a local law, introduced by Legislator Drucker and his colleague, Legislator Debra Mulé, that immediately outlawed the non-consensual and malicious distribution of intimate images in Nassau County.

The proposal, which was unanimously ratified by the Nassau County Legislature, immediately made the abusive act, commonly known as “revenge porn,” an unclassified misdemeanor punishable by up to a year in jail and a \$1,000 fine. The measure also empowered victims to seek civil damages. Following Nassau’s action, New York enacted a statewide ban which was signed into law by Governor Cuomo in late July.

Throughout a legislative process that began in late January following months of research and outreach, the measure quickly gained strong support from Nassau County’s law enforcement leaders, victim advocates, and individuals that have been impacted by the personal, professional and financial wreckage that results.



Saturday Service Returns to N78 & N79 NICE Bus Lines

Following extensive advocacy and close coordination with NICE Bus officials, County Executive Curran, state officials and local business owners, Legislator Drucker proudly heralded the return of Saturday bus service to the n78 and n79 bus lines.

Service, which resumed on Saturday, April 27, benefits Plainview, Hicksville and Woodbury residents by providing greater access to community hubs like the Hicksville LIRR station, Plainview Hospital, local supermarkets and the Walt Whitman Shops in neighboring Huntington Station.

Weekend service is especially beneficial for seniors who rely on mass transit for daily transportation and health care needs.

In the spring of 2017, the N78/N79 lines were targeted for elimination under the Mangano administration as part of budget cuts. Following an outcry from the community and advocacy by Legislator Drucker, N78/N79 service was ultimately spared, but weekend service was cut.

“For many, mass transportation is not a luxury - it’s a necessity. Our neighbors rely on these buses to earn a living, visit our local merchants to purchase essentials and be active members of our community. Most importantly, many seniors depend on mass transit to access important medical care, especially at Plainview Hospital,” Legislator Drucker said at the time. “We have worked tirelessly with County Executive Laura Curran, community leaders and NICE Bus officials to restore Saturday service. Today, I am delighted that to announce that we have achieved that goal.”



Preventing Animal Cruelty

As a lifelong dog lover and a proud caretaker of his family’s Goldendoodles Callie and Louie, Legislator Drucker is passionate about the welfare of animals and ensuring our companions are safe and cared for.

Recently, Legislator Drucker introduced an animal cruelty-fighting proposal that prohibits tying up a dog or other animal outdoors any time temperatures

fall below 35 degrees Fahrenheit, climb above 85 degrees or the National Weather Service has issued a heat or wind chill advisory, watch, or warning. Regardless of weather conditions, tying up an animal for more than 1 hour of any 12-hour period would be prohibited. All tethered animals must be able to access shelter, food, water, and a clean place to lie down.

To further promote animal welfare, Legislator Drucker’s proposal would regulate the length and weight of collars and other restraints to ensure they are appropriately sized. Choke and pinch collars, which impair the flow of oxygen and blood, and collars that become embedded in the animal’s skin, would be banned.

Repeat offenders can be charged with a Class A misdemeanor punishable by jail time and a maximum \$1,000 fine for a third offense under this proposal.



Public Safety at Houses of Worship

Following a series of violent incidents at houses of worship that shocked the consciences of people in the United States and around the world, Legislator Drucker filed legislation that would ensure police resources are utilized in a manner to prioritize the safety of religious institutions in Nassau County.

The proposal, filed on Tuesday, May 7, would direct the Police Department to concentrate police resources to prioritize the protection of houses of worship and religious institutions, including but not limited to parochial and religious schools and religious cemeteries and burial grounds. Enhanced police protection will be carried out without discrimination or favoritism based on creed, denomination or religious affiliation.

“No Nassau County resident should ever have to choose between practicing their faith and their personal safety,” Legislator Drucker said. “Through this legislation and our continued collaboration with the outstanding Nassau County Police Department, we can take a large step toward ensuring that the houses of worship we cherish remain vital, secure community centers and true sanctuaries for anyone seeking respite.”

Taking A Stand Against Vaping

After successfully advocating to raise the age for buying tobacco and vaping products in Nassau County to age 21, Legislator Drucker is continuing to fight for life-saving legislation that protects young people from the perils of nicotine addiction.

In May, Legislator Drucker filed a proposal that would outlaw the sale of flavored e-cigarettes and vaping products throughout Nassau County. Experts say the fruity flavors make them attractive to young people and easy to use. Many do not know the products contain nicotine until they’re hooked.

According to a study of 517 participants aged 12 to 21 published in the May 2019 edition of *Pediatrics* - the official journal of the American Academy of Pediatrics, 13.9 percent reported using tobacco, but 36 percent acknowledged trying e-cigarettes.

The Majority caucus has not yet scheduled a public hearing for the bill. Since Legislator Drucker filed the bill, more than 200 cases of serious and rare respiratory illnesses in young people who admitted to vaping have been reported across the country. Health officials are investigating whether there is a direct link between vaping and their debilitating - and sometimes life-threatening - illnesses.



Investing In Our County Roads

Legislator Drucker understands the vital role local roads serve in preserving the quality of life Nassau County residents enjoy. Here’s a snapshot of some important upgrades and improvements that have been completed in the 16th Legislative District:

<u>Road</u>	<u>Limits</u>
Woodbury Rd.	S. Oyster Bay Rd. to Jericho Tpke.
Old Bethpage Rd.	Plainview Rd. to Old Country Rd.
Round Swamp Rd.	Haypath Rd. to Old Country Rd.
Roslyn Rd.	LIE N. Service Rd. to Church St.
Washington Ave.	Manetto Hill Rd. to LIE
Old Westbury Rd.	Glen Cove Rd. to Old Westbury Rd.
Powerhouse Rd.	Mineola Ave. to Roslyn Rd.

