



# COMMUNITY UPDATE



News from Nassau County Legislator Siela A. Bynoe

**A look back  
at 2021!**

**Supporting Nassau County  
Students with School Supplies**



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# Back to School



To help young students begin the 2021-22 school year on the right foot Legislator Bynoe joined with key community partners to host her annual back-to-school backpack event at the Tanglewood Preserve in Rockville Centre. Nearly 200 students of all ages received school supplies at the event, which were donated by Bethpage Federal Credit Union.

In addition to school supplies, children received books from West Hempstead-based Moms Who Care, Inc. as part of their ongoing literacy-promoting initiative. The Lakeview Branch of the NAACP donated snacks and drinks, and EZ Time Rental donated the use of a bouncy castle that young guests enjoyed throughout the event. In addition, the Center for Science Teaching & Learning at Tanglewood Preserve provided youngsters free tours of its current exhibit.

## Welcoming Superintendents Back to School

In preparation for the 2021-2022 school year, Nassau County Legislator Bynoe welcomed a trailblazing group of local education leaders to the Theodore Roosevelt & Executive Building.

The gathering included Hempstead Union Free School District Superintendent Ms. Regina Armstrong; Malverne Union Free School District Superintendent Dr. Lorna Lewis; Uniondale Union Free School District Superintendent Dr. Monique Darrisaw-Akil; and Westbury Union Free School District Superintendent Dr. Tahira A. Dupree Chase.



# Teatime Talks

Legislator Bynoe continues to provide a safe space for residents to talk about issues that impact them during her virtual tea time talks.

During recent editions, community members participated in discussions regarding the importance of self-care and alzheimer's and dementia.



## Mental Health First Aid Training



**Knowing is caring!**

Learn the signs of mental health illness.

Our young people are often judged before they are helped. Too often adults don't understand the signs that let them know a young person is in need of mental health support.

Knowing the signs can help us to offer the necessary services for youth in need of mental health support.

As part of her ongoing commitment to delivering mental health resources, Legislator Bynoe offered a virtual Mental Health First Aid Training to help adults learn the signs of mental health illness in youth.

# CELEBRATING US!



## Westbury Homecoming Event

**Legislator Bynoe grew up in Westbury and has never forgotten her roots. As a class of 1985 alum, she always remembers the importance of giving back. Legislator Bynoe took part in the Westbury Homecoming Parade.**

# **VIRTUAL CARIBBEAN HERITAGE MONTH CELEBRATION!**

**Caribbean-American Heritage Month is celebrated by proclamation of the President and Congress in the United States in June to honor the achievements and contributions of Caribbean immigrants and their descendants living in the United States.**

**Legislator Bynoe hosted her first annual, Caribbean Heritage Month Celebration, which was held virtually because of the Covid-19 pandemic. A tapestry of Caribbean culture including guest speakers, dance, music and entertainment gave participants a cultural experience to remember.**

**Some featured guests included, District Attorney Joyce Smith, Everton Bailey and the Instrumental Sounds of Praise band, and Persephone DaCosta of Batingua Arts.**



# FIGHTING AGAINST COVID-19



Working with community leaders and trusted stakeholders, our office helped to register more than 1,200 people to receive the COVID-19 vaccine and addressed constituent needs throughout the public health crisis. As vaccine supplies increased, Legislator Bynoe partnered with civic associations, faith community leaders and partners in government to ensure equitable access to vaccinations. In particular, her partnerships with the many local churches in the Second Legislative District.

**For Information on  
COVID-19 Vaccines go to:  
<https://www.nassaucountyny.gov/5126/COVID-19-Vaccine-Information>**

## BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH



### FREE MAMMOGRAMS FOR WOMEN OVER 40

During Breast Cancer Awareness Month 2021, Legislator Bynoe sponsored free Mammograms for women over 40 on Thursday, October 28, 2021 at Kennedy Memorial Park.



*Early Detection  
Saves Lives!*

# Supporting Children in Jack & Jill

Legislator Bynoe spoke to children in the Jack & Jill program about their food choices. Jack & Jill is a membership organization of mothers with children ages 2-19 that is dedicated to nurturing future African-American leaders by strengthening children through leadership development, volunteer service, philanthropic giving, and civic duty. The Nassau County Chapter is staying true to its national mission through purposeful and engaging programming.



# Community Clean-Up



## *Our Community Our Responsibility*

Legislator Bynoe worked with community members to clean up the Lakeview community.



## *BECOME A CHANGEMAKER with Nassau County Girl Scouts*

Legislator Bynoe spoke to the Nassau County Girl Scouts during their, 'Become a Changemaker' event.

The changemaker event encourages girls to learn more about their government and the roles of the officials they'll help elect. A broad range of topics were discussed including, civility, representation of women in the legislature, and how to become a change making lawmaker.





# Support for Homeowners and Renters



Legislator Bynoe in conjunction with the Nassau County Department of Assessment, held in-person Property Tax Exemption Workshops for Second Legislative District residents.

During the workshops, Department of Assessment staff assisted residents with filing for veteran, senior citizen, Cold War veteran, volunteer firefighter and ambulance worker, limited-income disability and/or home improvement exemptions. Residents were then afforded an opportunity to ask questions that were pertinent to their individual needs.

## Homeowner and Rental Relief Informational Session

Legislator Bynoe and the Community Development Corporation of Long Island held a live virtual event for homeowners and renters who wanted to learn about State and County programs to assist those who have had COVID-19 related financial difficulties.

Topics covered included New York State Homeowner Assistance Fund, Nassau County COVID-19 Rental Assistance Program, and the Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP).



# Body Cameras, Crisis Calls and Third Party Oversight



After filing legislation in 2014 and subsequently dedicating more than seven years of advocacy to the issue, Legislator Bynoe, is pleased to report that Nassau County is on a positive trajectory toward the implementation of an officer-worn body camera program, which would bring this best practice in law enforcement to the nation's 13th largest police force for the first time. Renewed advocacy for body cameras in Nassau followed the May 25, 2020 police-involved murder of George Floyd in Minneapolis, Minn. -an incident that generated international outrage and sparked passionate demands for increased police oversight and accountability.

Legislator Bynoe is also gratified the County's police reform plan embraces a more holistic approach to mental health crisis calls by expanding the use of its Mobile Crisis Unit. This change was the outgrowth of findings contained in a study completed under the auspices of a law Legislator Bynoe co-introduced and for which she secured unanimous approval last summer.

# Working to Support Communities



In addition to targeted community grants, Legislator Bynoe worked to secure commitments that will set the stage for advancing more than \$16.5 million in capital investments across the Second Legislative District upon their completion.



**“Change will not come if we wait for some other person, or if we wait for some other time. We are the ones we’ve been waiting for. We are the change that we seek.”**

**~Barack Obama**

