



Assemblyman

Phil Ramos

Summer 2013

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Community News

Assemblyman Ramos continues his work on behalf of the families of Suffolk County. Take a look at what he's been up to.

Around the Community



Assemblyman Ramos Celebrates Women's History Month

Assemblyman Phil Ramos honored three outstanding women from the community at his second annual Women's History Month celebration that took place this past March. Ruth Martínez, Vivian Hart, and Deborah Kirnon—each accomplished in their own way—are fine examples of women leaders in our community. His colleague, Assemblywoman Carmen Arroyo served as the event's keynote speaker.



Assemblyman Ramos Honors Local African-American Leaders

Assemblyman Phil Ramos celebrated his Second Annual Black History Month celebration by recognizing the contributions local African-American leaders have made to our community.

This year's honorees, honored for their tireless work on behalf of Suffolk County, included Helen Moss, President, Brentwood UFS Board of Education; Bishop Donald Hudson, Common Ground Christian Life Church; and Barbara Dunmore Ford who was honored posthumously.

The event was held in conjunction with the Islip NAACP. Assemblyman Ramos presented the organization with a \$5,000 check to help support their business and health programs.

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Community Gun Buyback Event Helps Keep Suffolk Families Safe



Assemblyman Phil Ramos co-hosted two gun buyback events in conjunction with Suffolk County Executive Steve Bellone, the Suffolk County Police Department and Suffolk County Crime Stoppers. The events took place in Brentwood and Central Islip and helped get numerous guns off the streets of Suffolk County.

In addition to the gun buyback event, Assemblyman Ramos helped pass the SAFE Act (Secure Ammunition and Firearms Enforcement Act) earlier this year.

The new law bans high-capacity magazines and military-style assault weapons.

It also ensures all gun purchases

are subject to a background

check. Criminal penalties are

tougher for those who use il-

legal guns under the new law. It

also keeps guns away from convicted fel-

ons and out of the hands of those who pose a danger

due to mental illness.

Gun violence had become a sad reality in and around our com-

munity. Assemblyman Ramos is fighting to ensure that Suffolk

families are safe from gun violence.



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Summer Happenings

Summer Reading Challenge 2013

Assemblyman Ramos invites kids to take the challenge!

Assemblyman Phil Ramos' annual Summer Reading Challenge program is right around the corner. Every year, Assemblyman Ramos partners with our local libraries to encourage children to continue reading during the summer after the school year ends. Upon completion of the Summer Reading Challenge, children will receive a New York State Assembly Excellence in Reading Certificate.

To participate in the program, children must read by themselves or with a partner for a minimum of 15 minutes every day, for at least 40 days throughout the months of July and August. The days can be marked off on the calendar below and submitted to Assemblyman Phil Ramos, 1010 Suffolk Ave., Brentwood, NY 11717.

This program helps combat the inevitable decrease in learning—known as the “summer slide”—that takes place when young people are not in school during the summer. It is also a fun, inexpensive, and educational activity that can also provide quality family time and foster a life-long love of reading.



Assemblyman Ramos with the participants of the 2012 Summer Reading Challenge program.

For more information about the 2013 Summer Reading Challenge, please visit the website (www.summerreadingnys.org), email ramosp@assembly.state.ny.us, or call us at 435-3214.

Summer Youth Employment Program

Assemblyman Phil Ramos announced that many job opportunities will be available for young adults through New York State's Summer Youth Employment Program in the coming months.

Through the Summer Youth Employment Program, Suffolk County will receive over \$850,000 to provide job opportunities to teens looking for work as the summer season kicks off. Funding from this program can be used to subsidize wages, support education and training activities, as well as counseling and employment-related services, like transportation to and from work or training.

To be eligible, applicants must be between the ages of 14 to 20. Additionally, only those teens whose families receive public assistance, or have a total annual income below 200 percent of the federal poverty level, or \$38,180 for a family of three, are eligible to apply. Assemblyman Ramos encourages all eligible youth to apply. Youth interested in participating can contact Suffolk County's Department of Labor at 631-853-6600 or visit their website at www.suffolkcountyny.gov/labor.

Summer Meals for Kids

Assemblyman Ramos announces summer food programs

During the school year, many kids get reduced cost or free lunches at school. The sites listed here provide children with meals throughout the summer months.

Suffolk County provides free breakfast and/or lunch to kids under the age of 18 through the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Summer Food Service Program.

For more information and additional locations, call 866-3-HUNGRY.

Locations that offer free breakfast and/or lunch for children:



Brentwood Southeast Elementary School
1 Melody Lane, Brentwood
434-2316 (Food Service)
July 1st thru August 16th
Breakfast:
8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.
Lunch:
11:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

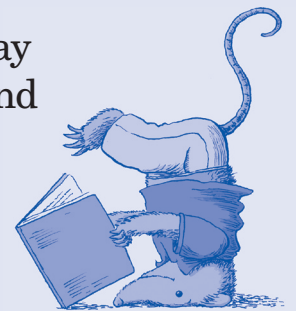
Bay Shore High School
155 3rd Avenue, Bay Shore
968-1193 (Food Service)
June 24th thru August 16th
Breakfast:
7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.
Lunch:
11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Lighthouse Mission in Central Islip
Corner of Carlton & Suffolk Ave.
Central Islip
800-522-5006
July 10th to August 28th
Lunch
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.
(Wednesdays only)

Summer Reading Challenge



“I pledge to read for at least 15 minutes each day on at least 40 days during the months of July and August. I will mark the calendar below with a check mark (✓) each day that I read by myself or with my reading buddy.”



When you have marked at least 40 days on this calendar, you have earned an Excellence in Reading Certificate. Just send in the marked-off calendar and the completed form to my office and your certificate will arrive in the mail.

July 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

August 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Brentwood Public Library

34 Second Avenue; Brentwood, NY 11717
273-7883; www.brentwoodnylibrary.org

Summer Hours

Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Saturday 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Central Islip Public Library

33 Hawthorne Avenue; Central Islip, NY 11722
234-9333; www.centralisliplibrary.org

Summer Hours

Monday - Thursday 10:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Friday 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Saturday 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.



Special thanks goes to the NYS Education Department's Division of Library Development, the Albany Public Library and librarians across the state for their help.

Around the Community (continued)



SNAP Students Visit Albany

Local students talk to Assemblyman Ramos about the SNAP program

Students from the local EOC-SNAP Division's Leaders of the Future Program (LOTF) recently took a trip up to Albany to meet with Assemblyman Phil Ramos and talk about the program. This comprehensive youth development-based after-school program, funded through a grant by the New York State Department of Health, works in collaboration with school districts to provide students with a safe atmosphere in which they can explore ideas, learn, experience personal growth, and develop key skills to help them navigate adolescence and early adulthood. The LOTF program runs in the Brentwood, Bay Shore, and Central Islip school districts at the middle and high school levels during the school year.

Participating students and program director, Charles Fox, had the opportunity to talk about the program on Assemblyman Ramos' TV show. The program has seen many students since its inception and it has a great track record of inspiring students to reach their full potential beyond their high school careers.



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Brentwood Public Library Turns 76

Assemblyman Phil Ramos presents a resolution to the Brentwood Public Library trustees on the commemoration of the library's 76th anniversary. The resolution, which was passed during National Library Week, recognizes Brentwood Public Library for its services to the community.