



E-NEWSLETTER

---ASSEMBLYMAN---

KEITH P. BROWN



Our Holiday Toy Drive and Coat Drive

The Coat Drive and Toy Drive were a great success. Special thanks to resident Maria Ciciarella who hand-knitted scarfs, hats and headbands for our community. So nice of her to donate these warm accessories, especially given the time, cost and amount of work she did to create these beautiful items!





Spreading Holiday Cheer

Ancient Order of Hibernians Division 4 in Huntington donated their toys to our toy drive. President Broderick was thrilled to hand these over to us to bring to Long Island Cares! There will be lots of happy kids soon! Sue Broderick, district office manager delivered the full car load to a grateful staff at Long Island Cares.

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.

[Visit Naloxone Access](#)

Vanderbilt Museum and Planetarium Boathouse Revitalization



I held a press conference in Suffolk County to present a \$500,000 check to Vanderbilt Museum and Planetarium President Jim Kelly to help stabilize the museum's boathouse, which has slowly been sinking into the Northport Harbor. The grant funding will help renovate and revitalize the boathouse so it stands for years to come.

The Vanderbilt Museum is the crown jewel of the county park system, and the boathouse is in such disrepair it is about to fall into Northport Harbor. I am happy to have helped the Vanderbilt Museum secure this stabilization money to ensure the boathouse does not deteriorate further. This is the first step of the bold plan put forth by Jim Kelly, president of the Vanderbilt, to revitalize the structures on the grounds and help secure this important part of our heritage and culture here in Centerport. Many thanks to my colleagues in government, the board of trustees and the staff for putting together this grant application.

THE
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- 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.



Women of Distinction

I was able to recognize some amazing women within our own Assembly District 12 for their outstanding accomplishments in our community. I even had the privilege of recognizing Linda Trott Dickman, a librarian for not just myself and my brothers but my own children, too, at Norwood Avenue Elementary School.



Gas Appliance Ban

Recently, I was proud to join NYS Sen. Mario Mattera along with my colleagues in government, labor leaders, business leaders and workers to show our support for a lawsuit challenging the state's ban on gas appliances and infrastructure in new buildings.

This lawsuit will protect New York's workers, businesses and ratepayers from New York State's ill-conceived fuel choice ban.

The hypocrisy is that the Scoping Plan of the CLCPA clearly states CNG can provide the transition to the new economy.

The plaintiffs include the Plumbing Contractors Association of Long Island, National Association of Home Builders, New York Propane Gas Association, IBEW Local 1049 and Plumbers Local 200.

I thank them and their fellow plaintiffs for stepping up to protect our families and ratepayers.

We need a plan - not a ban!



Honoring Our Veterans

The Town of Huntington held its annual Veterans Day Service at Veterans Plaza. Special thanks to the town board, the Veterans Advisory Committee, Carol Rocco, the American Legionnaires, the VFWs, the St. Patrick's School Choir and everyone who made our veterans feel special on this day! And always, "Thank you for your service!"



Jump Smart Grants

It was a happy day in Huntington when the SC Executive Steve Bellone stopped by to announce he had some “treats” to hand out in the form of Jump Smart grants! When I read about the grant opportunity a few months ago, I quickly notified Town Supervisor Edmund Smyth, Suffolk County Legislator Stephanie Bontempi and the 1653 Foundation, and we all worked together to make the application and push hard for this money. Most important to me is to keep the momentum going and get money for the “Harbor Walk” transformational project in Halesite. I am thrilled to report we got \$250,000 to get started! Thank you to everyone who helped make it happen!



Troop 12

I had the honor of presenting Troop 12, Huntington, NY with a proclamation celebrating its 100th anniversary of creating leaders of tomorrow and making memories for thousands of kids and making 126 Eagle Scouts during that time. It was a great night, and my three sons have really enjoyed calling Troop 12 home for the last 10 years. There was so much history on display, and it was great to see all the former scoutmasters.

But my favorite story is how, in 1919, the troop hiked from Huntington to Sagamore Hill and met former President Theodore Roosevelt who served them lemonade on the front porch!

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.

A Message from Keith:



I am filled with gratitude as I extend my warmest wishes to each and every one of you during this festive holiday season. No matter the holiday you celebrate, I hope you enjoy it safely surrounded by friends and family.

Serving as your assemblyman is a huge honor, and I am continually inspired by the support and encouragement our residents provide. Your feedback and ideas have played a real role in shaping our legislative priorities. Together, we have worked toward combating issues in our community and our state and look to create a more secure and prosperous environment for us all. To that end, I am working with other state legislators to create awareness days for some of the most pressing issues facing people of all ages. The goal is to have five days of awareness: Vaping Awareness, Co-Occurring Disorder Awareness, Opioid/Fentanyl Awareness, Marijuana Awareness, and Alcoholism Awareness. During these days, we will focus on passing legislation that will better the lives of our residents suffering through any of these issues or those caring for someone who does. I am so grateful to all our community members who have worked so closely with me on these issues.

As we look ahead into 2024, and start this new Legislative Session, we are immediately faced with a budget deficit of \$5 billion. We knew this was coming two years ago, and here it is. While there is no quick and easy fix for a number like that, know I am fighting to reduce spending while keeping your priorities in mind. The needs of our community, and the needs of the residents of the state of New York, guide me.

Wishing you and your loved ones a Happy and Healthy Holiday season. May the coming year be

filled with joy, peace and prosperity.

Warm regards,



Meetings:

October

Week of 10/2 to 10/6 – Irish Legislators Trip to Ireland
10/10 – Criminal Justice Working Group
10/11 – Village of Northport Visit
10/12 – Long Island Energy Conference
10/16 – Touro Law School Conference on Opioid Litigation
10/19 – Village of Northport Visit
10/19 – Huntington Hospital Meeting & Tour
10/24 – Public Hearing in Albany on Packaging Reduction
10/25 – Refuge Dream Center Visit
10/26 – Northport Residents Visit
10/26 – Visit from Journalism Student from Stony Brook
10/26 – Coastal Management Congressional Meeting
10/29 – Town of Huntington regarding Harbor Walk
10/30 – Town of Huntington and NV5 for Harbor Walk Discussion

November

11/3 – Meeting with Assemblyman Steve Stern
11/8 – Criminal Justice Working Group
11/13 – Centerport Civic Association
11/15 – Meeting with Commack Schools' Superintendent and Senator Mattera
11/17 – Meeting with Steamfitters 638
11/22 – Meeting with Crippen House about Future Work
11/28 – Meeting with NYS Mentoring and Assemblyman
11/28 – Meeting with Capital Hill Consulting regarding Naloxone Legislation
11/29 – Meeting with Huntington Arts Council
11/30 – Northport Dredge/Coastal Management Call

December

12/8 – Criminal Justice Working Group
12/13 – Meeting with Babylon Citizens Council on the Arts
12/15 – Harbor Walk Presentation with Town of Huntington
12/19 – Meeting with League of Women Voters

Events Attended:

October

10/8 – Columbus Day Parade
10/31 – Suffolk County Press Conference on Grants Awarded to Town of Huntington

November

11/14 – Suffolk County Schools Superintendent's Association Legislative Breakfast
11/15 – Suffolk County Sheriff's Office Legislative Breakfast
11/20 – Co-Sponsored Vaping Awareness Presentation at Harborfields Public Library with Suffolk County Legislator Stephanie Bontempi
11/20 – Presented Awards at Harborfields High School Fall Sports Awards
11/26 – Town of Huntington Tree Lighting and Holiday Spectacular
11/28 – Northport Chamber of Commerce to Honor Seymour's Boat Yard

December

12/1 – Vision Long Island Smart Growth Summit
12/7 – Town of Huntington Menorah Lighting
12/9 – Huntington Station BID Tree Lighting
12/19 – Vanderbilt Museum Grant Award Press Conference



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 John Hagan at haganj@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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