



Greetings Neighbor,

I hope September is off to a healthy start for you and your family.

It is hard to believe that we just commemorated the 24th Anniversary of the September 11th attacks.

This devastating day hit our communities in Assembly District 21 especially hard. I am honored to attend the ceremonies throughout the district that pay tribute to the victims and offer my support to their families. Sadly, families are still losing loved ones to 9/11 related diseases. My heart goes out to all these families, victims and our heroic first responders. We will never forget.

I am sure most of you have heard about the potential LIRR strike. Well, for now the LIRR Strike has been averted since, yesterday, LIRR union leaders asked our President to convene a Presidential Emergency Board (PEB.) Under the Railway Labor Act, the establishment of a PEB by the president delays any potential strike for at least 60 days, but more likely until May 2026. This provides more time for negotiations between the five unions and the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA)

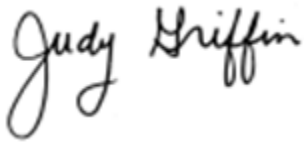
Again, included below is information on the NYS Draft Energy Plan and the Propel NY Energy Transmission Project. The state is seeking your feedback, so I ask you to consider submitting a comment.

Thank you to all the community members and organizations who contributed to my School Supply and Backpack Drive. Your generosity helped set up so many students for success. I am grateful to Baldwin, East Rockaway, Freeport, Lynbrook, Malverne and Rockville Centre Public Libraries for accepting donations.

Thank you to all those who volunteered at our Community Cleanup of Lofts Pond.

As always I welcome you to email griffinj@nyassembly.gov or contact my office at 516-561-8216 if I can be of assistance.

Warmly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Judy Griffin". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Judy Griffin

Assemblywoman, 21st District

Upcoming Community Events and Activities

VFW Post 2307 Cigar Night



A poster for VFW Post 2307 Cigar Night. The poster has a dark red background with gold and white text. At the top, there are six gold stars. The title 'CIGAR NIGHT' is in large, bold, gold letters. Below it, the subtitle 'AN EVENING OF BROTHERHOOD, BOURBON & SMOKE' is in smaller gold letters. The date and location are listed with icons: a calendar icon for the date and a location pin icon for the location. The admission price is listed in bold gold letters. Below that, the included items are listed with bullet points. The bottom section includes contact information for sponsorships, a QR code for VFW Venmo, and a statement about the purpose of the event.

VFW POST 2307 PRESENTS

CIGAR NIGHT

AN EVENING OF
BROTHERHOOD, BOURBON & SMOKE

📅 **DATE:** **OCTOBER 4 5-9 PM**

📍 **LOCATION:** **235 MERRICK RD.
LYNBROOK, NY 11563**

ADMISSION: \$75 PER PERSON

- 1 PREMIUM CIGAR • 1 GLASS OF FIOR SCOTCH
- FULL DINNER 🍷
- 2-HOUR OPEN BAR (5-7 PM)

CASH BAR AVAILABLE INSIDE VFW (AFTER 7 PM)

MUSIC | CAMARADERIE | GREAT FOOD | VETERAN SUPPORT

Sponsorships Available

Bryan: (516) 250-8201
Chris: (516) 743-2749
Dave: (516) 581-2301

VFW
VENMO
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☆ ALL PROCEEDS SUPPORT LOCAL VETERAN
PROGRAMS THROUGH VFW POST 2307

Run for Heroes

American Legion & Veterans of Foreign Wars

Run for Heroes

5K RUN/WALK TO RAISE FUNDS FOR LOCAL VFW AND AMERICAN LEGION POSTS

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO OUR VETERANS

OCTOBER 18, 2025

AT 9:00 AM SHARP RAIN OR SHINE

BALDWIN PARK, BALDWIN, NY

Proceeds to benefit the participating Posts:

- ❖ Baldwin American Legion Post 246
2754 Grand Avenue, Baldwin, NY. 11510
- ❖ East Rockaway VFW Post 3350
164 Main Street, East Rockaway, NY 11518
- ❖ Freeport American Legion Post 342
925 S. Ocean Avenue, Freeport, NY. 11520
- ❖ Lynbrook American Legion Post 335
34 Watts Place, Lynbrook, NY 11563
- ❖ Malverne American Legion Post 44
250 Franklin Avenue, Malverne, NY. 11565
- ❖ Rockville Centre American Legion Post 303
197 Maple Avenue, Rockville Centre, NY. 11570

Sponsorship Levels Available

Patriot Sponsor: \$1,500 comes with logo on race shirt and Race Lawn Sign.

Stars & Stripes Sponsor: \$1,000 comes with logo on Race Shirt.

Red, White and Blue Sponsor: \$500 name on Race Shirt.

Heroes Sponsor: \$250 name on Global Race Sign.

Water Station Sponsor (2): \$750 (each station).

Sponsorship Signage at Water Station and name on Race Shirt.

Register at events.elitefeats.com/25runforheroes

WE WANT YOU:

RUNNER PRICE: \$35 per racer pre registration
\$30 students
\$25. Veterans & First Responders
\$45 per race day registration

OR SCAN
THIS QR
CODE TO
REGISTER



DON'T ONLY STAND WITH OUR VETERANS, RUN FOR THEM!

If you have any questions eMail RunforHeroes2025@gmail.com

Rockville Centre Farmer's Market

Donate each Sunday to Sharon's Garden. Youth from the community volunteer each Sunday to raise awareness and collect donations. This incredible endeavor was co-founded by Declan Taylor and Ryan Cooke.



Rockville Centre Fire Department Floodlight Co. 1

FLOODLIGHT CO. 1 is at the Rockville Centre Farmer's Market, every other Sunday 8 a.m.-12 p.m. to take your Blood Pressure. You can visit them next on Sunday, September 28.



Medicare Fraud Alert: August

This month's focus is Hospice Care Fraud.

Scammers are tricking seniors by offering “free” cooking, cleaning, in-home help, or equipment—only to secretly enroll them in hospice care and bill Medicare for services never needed or received.





MEDICARE FRAUD OF THE MONTH FOR AUGUST

HOSPICE CARE MEDICARE FRAUD

BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR:

-  Door-to-door visits
-  Unsolicited phone calls, texts, or emails
-  False advertising

PROTECT YOURSELF:

-  Only a doctor can certify hospice care (with a life expectancy of 6 months or less.)
-  Medicare never covers free housekeeping
-  Never accept gifts in exchange for services
-  Always review Medicare Summary Notices (MSN) or Explanation of Benefits (EOB)

Governor Hochul Expands Access to COVID-19 Vaccines at Local Pharmacies

Governor Kathy Hochul has signed an executive order allowing New Yorkers to get COVID-19 vaccines at pharmacies without a doctor's prescription.

This action ensures that children, adults, and families can continue to access vaccines close to home—even as federal restrictions limit eligibility.

Important Information About Energy, Service, and Utilities

Upcoming meeting for the South Nassau Water Authority

The Board of Directors of the South Nassau Water Authority will hold a meeting on Monday September 30 at 6:00pm at the Merrick Public Library, 2279 Merrick Ave, Merrick.

Draft State Energy Plan

New York's future depends on an energy system that's clean, reliable and affordable. The State Energy Planning Board has released a [draft Energy plan](#) and is seeking your input. To view the draft plan or submit comments, visit: <https://energyplan.ny.gov> Please share your comments by October 6, 2025

The State Energy Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Long Island and one virtually.

- September 29, 2025, 5:00 – 7:00 pm – Long Island, NY
- September 30, 2025, 5:00 – 7:00 pm – Virtual



Propel NY Energy Transmission Project

Comments can be submitted up until the PSC makes a decision, which will likely be in the Fall of 2025.

Post a public comment here:

<https://documents.dps.ny.gov/public/MatterManagement/CaseMaster.aspx?MatterSeq=74038&MNO=24-T-044>

Visit here for more info <https://www.propelnyenergy.com>

National Night Out in AD21

Baldwin National Night Out

What a fantastic night in Baldwin for National Night Out 2025! Grateful to have hosted this incredible community event at Baldwin High School, where neighbors came together for a fun-filled evening celebrating unity, safety, support, and local partnerships. From face painting and popcorn to pizza, music, and games—there was something for everyone to enjoy!

Special thanks to the Nassau County Police Department for the Toys and Games giveaway, the Nassau County PBA for their generous donation of pizza, Vineyard Offshore for doing an incredible job face painting about 90 children, the Irish Pub for providing popcorn, and the Baldwin Chamber of Commerce for providing an outstanding DJ.

Thank you to the Baldwin American Legion for leading the Pledge and providing the Color Guard, and to the Baldwin School District for once again permitting us to host NNO at Baldwin High School. Thank you to Chief Douglas Eberhart and the Baldwin Fire Department for participating and for your exemplary service to Baldwin and the greater community.

Thank you to Nassau County First Deputy Commissioner Kevin P. Smith, First Precinct Commanding Officer Inspector Greg Stephanoff, POP Officer Dominick Padolecchia, Nassau County PBA Second Vice President Frank Acuri, and all the officers who attended in support of the community. I appreciate your involvement and commitment to community engagement and partnership.

Thank you to Samantha Cools, District Director for planning this event so seamlessly as well as the entire staff and interns for assisting her.

Hosting National Night Out (NNO) at Baldwin High School is ideal because it is at the heart of the community and provides a great opportunity for our sponsors and participating organizations to engage with residents.

Thank you to our sponsors: Nassau County Police Department, Nassau County PBA, Baldwin Fire Department, Baldwin Civic Association, Baldwin Chamber of Commerce, Baldwin School District, Sanitary District 2, the Irish Pub, and Vineyard Offshore.

Thank you to our participating organizations: Baldwin Public Library, Baldwin American Legion, One Happy Hangout, Bethany House, Mount Sinai South Nassau, Nassau County Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta, Department of Public Service Commission, Baldwin Council Against Drug Abuse, Pat's Dance Studio, the Cools team at Compass, Ridgewood Savings Bank, New York Life, and other local businesses.

Each year, NNO offers an ideal way for the Nassau County Police Department (NCPD) and Nassau County PBA to enhance community relations. Equally as important, it conveys our appreciation and gratitude for the dedicated service the NCPD offers to Baldwin, South Hempstead, and the greater community. There is a reason why Nassau County has been recognized as the safest county in our country for the past 6 years!

I value the efforts and strides the NCPD continues to make in regard to Community Relations and Outreach with programs such as Problem-Oriented Police (POP), Law Enforcement Exploring, and the Police Activity League (PAL).

I appreciate all of our amazing sponsors, vendors, community partners, and the residents who attended to make this night a success. Events like this remind us of what makes Baldwin such a special place—community, connection, support, and care for one another.

Thank you to my outstanding staff and interns for their diligent efforts in making 2025 NNO in Baldwin such a success!



Freeport National Night out

I am grateful to have had the opportunity to co-host National Night Out in Freeport with my colleagues in government. It was a great night for the community!

It was wonderful to see families and neighbors coming together for an evening of fun and connection—with grilled hot dogs, popcorn, games for the kids, and local organizations sharing valuable resources.

This annual event is a great reminder of how strong and supportive the Freeport community is, especially when it comes to building trust between residents and first responders.

Thank you to Village of Freeport Mayor Kennedy and Trustees, Chief Smith & Deputy Chief Williams and the Officers of Village of Freeport, Freeport Police Department, Executive Director Ray Maguire and Chief Anthony Sotira of Village of Freeport Fire Department, and all the sponsors, vendors, and volunteers who made it such a meaningful night. Freeport Chamber of Commerce, Freeport-Merrick Rotary Club, Village of Freeport Library, South Shore Guidance, League of Women Voters, Long Island Jewish, Nassau County Board of Elections, LiveOn.org, Village of Freeport Football Club.





Community Events in Assembly District 21

Baldwin Open Air Art Fair

It was a beautiful night for the Baldwin Civic Association to host an Open-Air Art Fair at the Baldwin Community Garden to raise funds for Baldwin Historical Society & Museum, which is adjacent to the Community Garden. It was wonderful to see the vibrant artwork of local artists-Brian Testa, Emily Beas, Michael B. Smith, Eulyanah, Logan Chase Williams. I enjoyed the opportunity to step into the charming history of Baldwin by taking a mini tour with Gary Farkash, President and Karen Montalbano, Vice President.



Freeport Canoe Race

This year's Annual Freeport Canoe Races event at Cow Meadow Park was an incredible celebration of community spirit, teamwork, and local pride!

Hosted by the Freeport Chamber of Commerce in support of the Freeport PAL, this long-standing tradition brings together local businesses, families, first responders, and elected officials for a fun-filled day of friendly competition and connection.

From cheering on the racers to enjoying the beautiful weather and waterfront views, it was my pleasure to participate and support such a vibrant and meaningful event that highlights everything that makes Freeport special.

Thank you to the Chamber for your continued dedication to community engagement and supporting local traditions like this one! Thank you to the Freeport Fire Department, Freeport Police Department and the US Coast Guard Auxiliary for keeping everyone safe.





19th Annual Levine Memorial Golf Classic

Honored to join Long Island's business leaders and change makers at the 19th Annual Levine Memorial Golf Classic which this year celebrated the 20th Summer of Sunrise Day Camp. Congratulations to honorees Rena & Andrew Goodman of Sherwood Lumber and Allison & Joel Simon of JSM Music for their outstanding dedication to Sunrise Day Camp–Long Island. Their commitment to supporting children facing cancer and their families is a true inspiration.



UBS Arena and Belmont Park Village Tour

I am happy my staff could attend this incredible tour on my behalf at UBS Arena!

From behind-the-scenes looks at the arena's waste reduction systems, carbon-neutral operations, LEED and TRUE Silver certifications, and over 95% waste diversion, to donated food equating to thousands of meals—UBS Arena is redefining Eco-conscious entertainment. It uses low-flow plumbing, LED lighting, and energy-efficient sensors, while reducing single-use waste and promoting low-carbon travel via the Elmont–UBS Arena LIRR station.

They also had the pleasure of touring Belmont Park Village, a luxury yet accessible open-air shopping destination featuring designer boutiques, elevated dining, concierge services, and hands-free shopping—all conveniently located next to the arena with complimentary shuttle access.



Heroes Day- Rockville Centre

Friday August 15th was a wonderful day to join the Village of Rockville Centre Mayor Francis X Murray, Deputy Mayor Kathy Baxley, Nassau County Legislator Scott Davis and local children, residents and families to honor our everyday heroes at Heroes Day at the RVC Public Library.

I thank the RVC Public Library for hosting this special day each year to honor our first responders for their diligent service to the community. Thank you EMT's and volunteer firefighters from Floodlight Co. 1, Defender Hose 1 Rockville Centre Fire Department, and police officers of the Rockville Centre Police Department for participating and your dedicated service in

keeping our community safe. Year after year, I love seeing the children enjoy the fire hose, sitting in and exploring the rescue and police vehicles.

Congratulations to Susan Finck on being promoted to Director of the RVC Public Library.

It's always great to see Lt. Nick DeLuca and it was a pleasure to meet Police Officer Jillian Sementini, one of the newest police officers to serve the Village of Rockville Centre. She also serves as a U.S. Army National Guard Major and is a former NYPD officer. She was just deployed and left in mid-August to bravely serve our country through May of 2026. I wish her a safe and successful tour.



Meeting with the RVC Civic Association

It was a pleasure to meet with Meghan Kearns, President and Kelly Wexlar, Corresponding Secretary of the RVC Civic Association to learn about their goals and platform. Congratulations to the entire Executive Board for stepping up to serve our community.



Celebrating George W. Baumann's 100th Birthday

Wishing a very Happy 100th Birthday to George W. Baumann, a beloved Baldwin resident who has called our community home since 1961!

A proud World War II US Army veteran, husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, George has built a legacy of love, service, and community.

It was an honor to celebrate this incredible milestone with his lovely family at his birthday luncheon at Sonny's Canal House in Baldwin. I was proud to present a Framed Citation to a special man that served his country, community and family with distinction. Wishing George lots of laughs, health, love and good times.

Here's to a century of memories and a life well lived!





Overdose Awareness Day- Oceanside

A big thank you to Alison Eriksen and the Oceanside SAFE Coalition for hosting such a meaningful evening at the Overdose Awareness Day at Schoolhouse Green. Although bittersweet, it was nice to join in the flower planting ceremony to honor the lives of those lost to overdose.

Community members planted purple flowers and wore purple ribbons in remembrance of all those loved ones lost to this disease. I appreciate all the sponsors supporting this special event: Oceanside Library, Oceanside Warriors, Oceanside Kiwanis, Mount Sinai-South Nassau Communities Hospital, Dees' Nursery and thank you to Charlie Reiker for providing the live music. Special thanks to the Nassau County Police 4th Precinct POP Unit Thank you to my staff for tabling at this event.

This was an important night to hear moving words from parents who lost loved ones to overdose, get prevention resources, participate in Narcan training and show our support as a community. Together, we continue raising awareness, reducing overdose, preventing youth substance abuse and supporting those affected by the opioid crisis.





Minority Millennials Youth Round Table- Baldwin

I had the pleasure of participating in the Youth Round table hosted by Minority Millennials, at the Baldwin Public Library. The majority of participants were recent graduates and rising seniors from Baldwin High School. I appreciated the free-flowing discussion about the legislative process, learning about the issues that matter most to them and valued their thoughtful questions and curiosity.

This was an ideal opportunity for Senator Bynoe and me to foster and encourage youth engagement, civic education, and community leadership since their voices are shaping the future of our community!



Setting Students Up for Success

Backpack Drive hosted by News12--Freeport and Hempstead

A huge thank you to News12 and Optimum for generously hosting an exciting Backpack and School Supply Drive, at the Cradle of Aviation, in partnership with the Freeport, Hempstead and Uniondale School Districts!

Over 500 backpacks were distributed to local students, helping them start the school year prepared, confident and ready to learn. In addition, Optimum magnanimously donated \$10,000 to Freeport, Hempstead and Uniondale school districts, showing their deep commitment to our children's education, families, and community. I am so grateful for the incredible generosity News12 and Optimum and their partners - Staples, Anthem, Stop & Shop, and Island Harvest bestowed on our children and these school districts. It was inspiring to see students, families, educators, and community partners come together to equip our students with resources to help them thrive. Thank you to Dr. Monique Darrisaw-Akil, Uniondale Superintendent, Dr. Alice Kane, Freeport Interim Superintendent, Mr. Gary Rush, Hempstead Interim Superintendent and administrators, teachers and staff of these districts for giving their students this wonderful opportunity.





Green Acres Backpack Drive- Valley Stream

On August 23, I had the pleasure of attending the Green Acres Mall Annual Backpack Giveaway at Center Court!

Green Acres has made this annual celebration an incredible community tradition by providing more than 250 backpacks filled with school supplies to local students and donating funds to a local charity. This year John Theissen Children Foundation received a generous check for \$3,500!

It was wonderful to join families from local communities, Valley Stream Girl Scouts, Miss Teen New York, John Theissen and Assemblywoman Solages to share in the back-to-school excitement.

The children enjoyed the face painting, balloon art, characters, performers, dancing and music.

Thank you Green Acres for supporting our communities and setting students up for success!



Trimz Cutz Backpack Give Away- Freeport

I had the pleasure of attending the Trimz Cutz Barber Shop Back-to-School Backpack & Sneaker Giveaway in Freeport which was hosted by Legislator Seth Koslow and Legislator Debra Mulé!

This wonderful event brought local families together to prepare for the school year with backpacks, sneakers, supplies, and haircuts. The day was filled with community fun—music, food from local vendors, face painting, games, an inflatable castle, toy, scooter & bicycle giveaway and more.

It was inspiring to see so many neighbors, organizations, and businesses come together to support Freeport students. What a great way to kick off the school year! Thank you to all the sponsors and thank you to the Freeport Fire Department for participating!





Solidarity Group Backpack Giveaway BBQ- Freeport

What an incredible afternoon at The Solidarity Group Inc's Backpack & School Supply Giveaway & BBQ in Freeport August 29th! Thank you to Mary Ann Ojeda and her team at The Solidarity Group Inc. for planning this outstanding event, their outreach and support to the community, and their encouragement to students and parents. They discussed the importance of education, doing your best, and participating in school activities. Mary Ann strongly encourages parents to join the PTA in their children's schools.

Thank you to everyone who joined us for an afternoon filled with free backpacks, lunch boxes, school supplies, delicious food, and community spirit.

A special shout out to the local libraries- Baldwin, Freeport, Rockville Centre, East Rockaway, Malverne and Lynbrook- and community members whose generous donations made this event possible. Your support ensures that every child has the tools they need to succeed in this school year.

I was grateful to provide backpacks filled with supplies to these students and families. Thank you to Legislator Seth Koslow for donating supplies and to the Freeport Memorial Library for donating awesome lunchboxes.



School Construction Press Conference

On Friday, August 15, it was important to join with leaders in the Nassau-Suffolk Building Trades, mason tenders District Council of New York and Long Island, construction workers and victims of wage theft and my colleagues in state government to call out the unsavory contractors and subcontractors that engage in corruption, wage theft, worker exploitation, wire fraud, failure to pay taxes, insurance or workers compensation and refusal to hire local workers.

This poses a damaging impact on school districts, taxpayers, local workers and our local economy. A meaningful way to stop these corrupt practices while saving districts money on state funded capital projects is by passing the Stop Worker Exploitation in Public Education Act (A756) which has strong bi-partisan support in both houses.

This measure will help in the affordability crisis on Long Island by providing employment at a fair wage for local workers, whether in a union or not. By using Project Labor Agreements for all contractors and subcontractors on state funded capital projects at school districts on Long Island, quality work can be done efficiently and affordably.



Celebrating Businesses in AD21

Care Coordination Boutique Ribbon Cutting

Grateful to have attended the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Care Coordination Boutique . It was inspiring to see a space dedicated to seamless care coordination and support for patients and families- designed to integrate medical, behavioral, and support services under one elegant roof.

Operated by Harmony Health Care Long Island, this boutique reflects their mission to deliver compassionate, comprehensive care to underserved communities. In addition to providing essential health services, the space features a food pantry and free clothing boutique, offering practical support to those in need. These wraparound services are a powerful example of whole-person care in action.

Honoring the hardworking team behind this initiative and the community collaborators who made it a reality. This boutique isn't just a facility—it's a step forward in equitable, coordinated care for Long Islanders.

Here's to healthier lives and stronger communities!



Fidelis Care Grand Re-Opening- Hempstead Chamber of Commerce

On August 18th, I was pleased to join the Hempstead Chamber of Commerce in celebrating the Grand Re-Opening of Fidelis Care. Congratulations to Fidelis Care on this exciting new chapter and thank you for your continued commitment to providing quality health coverage and services to our community.



2025 Summer Interns Spotlight

This summer, my office had the privilege of working with a dedicated group of student interns who brought fresh energy, curiosity, and a strong commitment to public service. From greeting constituents at community events, to community outreach, to conducting legislative research, their efforts played a meaningful role in supporting my office's work in serving

the constituents of AD21. I appreciate each intern for their unique skills and perspectives, making this a truly collaborative and rewarding experience for all involved. My staff and I extend our gratitude to each of our summer interns for their diligence, enthusiasm, and professionalism. Their contributions behind the scenes, in the office, and out in the community have made a lasting impact and we are proud to have been part of their journey. We wish them continued success in the upcoming school year and look forward to seeing all they will accomplish in the future.



Daniel Dunlap

Daniel, an incoming junior at Adelphi University and RVC resident, approached his internship as an opportunity to connect directly with the community. Over 60 hours, he walked local neighborhoods, introduced himself to residents, and handed out flyers for events ranging from community clean-ups to school supply drives and summer events. Daniel played a hands-



on role in creating a welcome packet for new constituents and developed a constituent survey to garner feedback on district needs. He also learned the logistics of event planning while working on projects for National Night Out, the Backpack School Drive, and more. His time in the office sharpened his ability to communicate clearly, organize information, and work collaboratively in a professional setting.

Michal Heimowitz

Though Michal, a Woodmere resident, joined my office later than others, the rising senior at Yeshiva University High for Girls made a strong impression in her 30 hours of service. As a founder of a chapter of Students Demand Action at her school and with advocacy experience having lobbied in Albany with Moms Demand Action, she brought a keen interest in policy to her work and was a natural at legislative research. Michal jumped right into outreach, helping distribute event information in neighborhoods, assisting with preparations for National Night Out, contributing to the Backpack School Drive, and attending events. While not a resident of Assembly District 21, Michal's dedication to public service was evident in her willingness to learn, connect with new people and engage with communities different from hers.

Brendan Kaminski

For Brendan, a rising sophomore at Yale University and lifelong Baldwin resident, the internship was both a way to give back to his hometown and to explore the behind-the-scenes work of public service. His summer included walking the district to distribute event flyers, greeting constituents at community gatherings, and helping to plan and organize district events. Brendan enjoyed the variety—one day working on a constituent survey in the office, the next staffing a table at National Night Out. His academic background gave him an analytical approach to projects like legislative research, while his local roots helped him connect naturally with residents. Brendan also played a monumental role in inviting and coordinating with vendors in Baldwin for the Baldwin National Night Out, ensuring a successful and inclusive event. Over his 60 hours, he deepened his understanding of how state representatives serve the community.

Alyssa Majano

When her Social Studies teacher suggested she apply for an internship with my office, Alyssa jumped at the opportunity and quickly became one of the most active members of the summer team. Now a senior year at Freeport High School, Alyssa participated in outreach walks, greeted constituents, answered questions, and ensured event tables were stocked and organized. She contributed to creating flyers, brainstorming potential events, and compiling a district contact list. Alyssa participated in more community events than any other intern, from staffing mobile office hours to tabling at Freeport's National Night Out, demonstrating an exceptional commitment to public engagement. Her consistent presence, initiative, and enthusiasm made her a go-to team member for event setup, resident interaction, and representing my office with professionalism and warmth. Over the course of her 60 hours, Alyssa developed valuable skills in community relations, event coordination, and outreach.

Nicholas Perez

Nicholas, now a senior at Baldwin High School, became an intern to better understand how government works at the local level. Aspiring to study Political Science at the University at Albany, he approached each task with curiosity; from canvassing neighborhoods to helping to design flyers for community events. He also contributed to legislative research, assembled welcome packets for new constituents, and helped organize my office's contact database. Balancing his internship with a job at Tulum and Tacos in Baldwin, Nicholas demonstrated excellent time management skills, ensuring he met every commitment with reliability and focus. By the end of his 60th-hour, Nicholas had not only learned about the legislative process but had also built strong communication and problem-solving skills that he will use in his future career.

Sara Ghaly

Thank you to Sara, a Massapequa resident and junior at University of Albany, for participating in the New York State Assembly Intern Program, from January to June at my Albany Office. Since she excelled in this role, I hired her as a part-time Legislative Aide for the District Office this summer where she became a valued member of the team. I am thrilled that she will continue working in my Albany Office and appreciate her diligence, communication skills, ability to learn, and professionalism.

I was impressed with her ability to engage with those visiting or calling my office and truly admired her fluency in American Sign Language which was especially helpful during meetings with the Mill Neck School for the Deaf. I'm grateful for the insight, compassion and focus she brought to every task.



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