

WORKING WITH ALL LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT

Tropical Storm Irene

In the wake of Tropical Storm Irene, Legislator Sarah Anker and Brookhaven Town Supervisor Mark Lesko visited Mount Sinai Harbor to assess damage in the area. She secured a portable water dispenser from the Suffolk County Water Authority (below right) as well as took the initiative to visit the County's Emergency Center (below).



Governor Cuomo
Legislator Anker will continue to work with Governor Andrew Cuomo to support reducing the tax burden for residents and to protect our open space.

Protecting Suffolk's Farmland

Legislator Sarah Anker recently met with U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand to discuss farming and agricultural and environmental issues in Suffolk County. "By supporting our farms and preserving open space, we maintain the character of our communities which protects our rural character and also brings valuable tax revenue through tourist spending," said Legislator Anker.



RECOGNIZING ACCOMPLISHMENTS



Volunteers and staff of the North Shore Youth Council's Big Buddy/Little Buddy program were recognized by Legislator Anker for their hard work and dedication. For more information on the program go to www.northshoryouthcouncil.org.



Legislator Anker presented Barabra Davenport (center) with a Certificate of Appreciation for her many years of dedicated community service.



Legislator Sarah Anker (right) honored Girl Scouts' Gold Award recipient Erin White. Girl Scout Troop Leader Janet Nachman joined her at Heritage Park in Mount Sinai for the ceremony.

Mt. Sinai Miller Place Historical Society celebrated its Annual Historical Fair honoring heroes of the past with reenactments and old-time craft making.



SPONSORED LEGISLATION

- **IR 1537-11** Legislator Anker is sponsoring legislation authorizing planning steps for the acquisition of 5.4 acres of land on Landing Road in Miller Place, under the Suffolk County Drinking Water Protection Program.

- **IR 1913-11** To help facilitate streamlining the health permit process, Legislator Anker is sponsoring the establishment of a legislative committee to provide guidance and is also trying to streamline the permit process for waste water and food service issues.

- **IR 1162-11** Legislator Anker was a co-sponsor of Presiding Officer William J. Lindsay's ban of the use of coal tar-based sealcoat in Suffolk County. Legislator Anker said the evidence is clear that coal tar-based sealcoat is a serious threat to both human health and the entire marine life system. Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons contained in sealcoat are a known human carcinogen and studies by the United States Geologic Survey have shown that runoff from the sealcoat has serious negative effects on the entire marine ecosystem.

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ENFORCING PUBLIC SAFETY

Legislator Anker Closes Dangerous Night Club

The Oxygen Bar, located in the heart of Rocky Point on Route 25A and Broadway, was closed down after Suffolk County Legislator Sarah Anker contacted the New York State Liquor Authority, who pulled the night club's liquor license.

As part of Legislator Anker's efforts to facilitate the closing of the dangerous nightclub where four people had been shot, she joined Brookhaven Supervisor Mark Lesko in May (pictured at right) to announce the temporary shutdown of the Oxygen Bar in Rocky Point due to an expired Place of Assembly permit in May.

In addition to closing down the bar, Legislator Anker is currently



in discussion with the owner of the building to facilitate a business which would better compliment the needs of the community.

SUPPORTING LOCAL BUSINESS



Concerts Support Local Businesses

Thousands of residents attended Suffolk County Legislator Sarah Anker's Summer Concert Series, which was coordinated with Rocky Point VFW Post 6249 and the North Brookhaven Chamber's Restaurant Week. The concert series included the bands: Big Shot (above with Legislator Anker), Tom Smith's Big Band, Desert Highway and Dr. K's Motown Revue, was an effective way to encourage patronage at local businesses. In addition to supporting local businesses and providing our residents with musical entertainment, the concerts spotlighted not-for-profit organizations which benefit our community including Relay for Life, Sound Beach Fire Department 911 Memorial, Rocky Point Fire Department 911 Memorial and the Long Island Cares Harry Chapin Food Bank. A special thanks to St. Anthony's of Padua R.C. Church, Suffolk County Police Department and the many volunteers.



Legislator Anker discusses business opportunities with Chamber members at the North Brookhaven Chamber of Commerce Networking Event in the Pt. Jeff Sta. Railroad Car. For more information about the chamber go to www.northbrookhaven-chamber.org.



McCarrick Medical Park in Rocky Point Grand Opening.

SUPPORTING OUR VOLUNTEERS ⚓ ⚓ ⚓ ⚓ ⚓

Relay for Life of Rocky Point

⚓ Legislator Sarah Anker (center) celebrates this year's Relay for Life, with (l-r) Rocky Point Relay for Life Entertainment Chair Cathy Conner, Senior Director of American Cancer Society Kathleen Garry, Co-Chair Virginia Heslin and Co-Chair Maria Amoscato. If you would like to contribute go to: Relayforlife.org/rockypointny. www.relayforlife.org



Long Island Cares

After touring Long Island Cares and the Harry Chapin Food Bank facility, Legislator Sarah Anker met with (l-r) Coordinator of Governmental Affairs Michael Haynes, Director of Facilities and Procurement Peter Braglia, Volunteer Coordinator Alisha Summers, Executive Director Paule Pachter, and Food Drive Coordinator Elana Sissons. www.licares.org



Prostate Cancer Awareness

⚓ Us Too Organizer Craig Schmidt and his wife Shirley are shown above with Legislator Sarah Anker. For more information on the Us Too Prostate Cancer Support Network, contact Craig Schmidt at 631-846-4377.

HONORING OUR VETS & 911 HEROES

Garden of Remembrance



Legislator Anker attended the 9/11 Ceremony to honor lost loved ones at the H. Lee Dennison Building's Gardens of Remembrance in September.



Legislator Anker stands with (from l-r) Congressman Tim Bishop, VFW Commander Joe Cognitore, 9/11 Memorial Committee Co-Chair Richard Acritelli and Brookhaven Town Supervisor Mark Lesko at the unveiling.

Rocky Point 9/11 VFW Memorial Unveiled

Legislator Sarah Anker attended the unveiling of the Rocky Point VFW's 9/11 Memorial at Diamond in the Pines Park in Coram in September.

Joined by local officials, Legislator Anker was thankful to those who had the vision and drive to make the memorial a reality. "The Rocky Point VFW and Rich Acritelli should be commended for their dedication in creating this amazing memorial in remembrance of those we cherished and lost on 9/11," Legislator Anker said.

There are still some remaining components of the memorial that are in need of funding. To donate or for more information, please contact Commander Joe Cognitore at 744-9106 or Rich Acritelli at 839-2996.



Celebrating Armed Forces Day

Legislator Sarah Anker is shown with Suffolk County Director of Veteran Services Agency Thomas Ronayne at Suffolk County Armed Forces Day ceremonies in May. "As the daughter of a disabled Naval Veteran, I am honored to pay tribute to the brave men and women who have served and continue to serve our country," said Legislator Anker.

Supporting LI 2 Day Breast Cancer Walk



⚓ Legislator Sarah Anker stands with local residents including Patti Kozlowski and Lindsay Cucchiario of the North Shore Neighbors Breast Cancer Coalition at the LI 2 Day Breast Cancer Walk. www.LI2daywalk.org

Civic Meetings

County Legislator Sarah Anker has attended many civic meetings to listen to community concerns.



Coram Civic Association



Sound Beach Civic Association

CELEBRATING OUR SENIORS

Working hard to protect our seniors, Legislator Sarah Anker is working to hold the line on County property tax and continues to advocate for health issues. She had the opportunity to picnic with county senior groups at the annual Suffolk County Senior Citizens Picnic.

The picnic, held on July 19 at Southaven County Park in Brookhaven, was attended by hundreds of seniors from across Suffolk County. Legislator Anker visited with members of the Young at Heart Senior Club of Coram and the Mt. Sinai Senior Club (top right).

She also attended Brookhaven Town's Senior May Rally held at Majestic Gardens, where she listened to the concerns of her senior constituents (right).



Home for Honored Vet



Legislator Sarah Anker with Mark Baisch (left) of Landmark Properties and Staff Sgt. Omar Domenech.

Vice-Chair of the Suffolk County Veterans and Seniors Committee Legislator Sarah Anker joined with government officials, local residents and volunteers to celebrate the groundbreaking of a new home in Sound Beach being constructed by volunteers from Long Island Home Builders Care for Staff Sergeant Omar Domenech.

A Purple Heart recipient, Staff Sgt. Domenech, who served three tours of deployment in Iraq and Kuwait, is the first veteran chosen by LI Home Builders Care in its new program to construct affordable housing for returning veterans. The piece of property was generously donated to the LI Builders Institute by Mark Baisch of Landmark Properties.

"I will continue to work to help our veterans receive the information they need and deserve to get medical treatment, homes and other support they need," Legislator Anker said.

Scouts and Vets Say Thank You



Rocky Point VFW Post 6249 and Boy Scout Troop 6249 thank our Navy Seals for their commitment to our country.