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A message from
Suffolk County Legislator Tom Muratore

I am truly honored to have been re-elected to a second term and would like to take this opportunity to personally thank the residents of the Fourth Legislative District for your continued support and trust. With that support, I vow to faithfully represent my entire district and all of its residents in the Suffolk County Legislature. As a man of the people, I look forward to meeting with all of you. Please feel free to visit my office to meet with either myself or a member of my staff. We will be more than happy to assist you with any of your legislative concerns.

My commitment to my district, and all residents of Suffolk County, is to ensure that your voice is heard. It is my job to listen to the needs of the community and relay those needs to the county government; and as your elected official I will not disappoint.

I currently sit on the Budget and Finance, Public Works and Transportation, and Education and Information Technologies committees. As a member of these committees, I will focus my energy on ensuring fiscal responsibility for the County budget, continuing to modernize our aging County infrastructure and ensuring the level of education here in Suffolk County is top notch, especially at Suffolk County Community College.

My district is located in the heart of Brookhaven Town, encompassing Selden, Centereach and the Brookhaven portion of Ronkonkoma, plus parts of Farmingville, Medford, Coram, Holbrook, Lake Grove and Port Jefferson Station.

Once again, I would just like to encourage any resident of the Fourth District to call upon me for any assistance you may need in dealing with County issues. My staff and I are always willing to lend a helping hand. We can be reached in person at the office, by phone at (631) 854-9292 or by e-mail at Tom.Muratore@suffolkcountyny.gov. Thank you and I look forward to serving you for another two years.

Sincerely,

Tom Muratore

Suffolk County Legislator



Legislator Tom Muratore (Left), with his wife Linda and Suffolk County Clerk Judy Pascale, signing the book after being sworn in for his second term.

Touring Brookhaven National Lab

Legislator Tom Muratore and his staff recently toured the Brookhaven National Lab facility in Upton, New York. The lab is one of seventeen U. S. Department of Energy national laboratories, and one of ten owned by the DOE Office of Science. Established in 1947, BNL is the only national lab located in the Northeast. It is a major enterprise with an operating budget of more than \$500 million, nearly 2,900 employees, and 4.0 million square feet of space in 334 buildings located on about 5,300 acres.



Legislator Tom Muratore (4th from left) joins some of his colleagues and members from Brookhaven National Lab and LIPA.

The tour included the Long Island Solar Farm, a 32-megawatt plant which is currently the largest solar photovoltaic power plant in the Eastern United States. The yearly energy output is 44,000,000 kilowatt-hours (estimated annual average), equivalent to the annual usage of 4,500 homes. The total area this covers is approximately 200 acres, with an irregular layout designed to minimize environmental issues.

The tour also touched on the National Synchrotron Light Source (NSLS), which began operating in 1982 and is one of the world's most powerful tools for observing the structure and behavior of matter at the atomic level. Now under construction is the next-generation synchrotron, NSLS-II, a one billion dollar cutting edge new user facility scheduled to be completed in 2014. When finished, NSLS-II will be the highest-performance synchrotron light source in the world and will provide capabilities for both basic and applied research that will only be available at BNL.

"Brookhaven National Lab is at the forefront of scientific and technological research, and this technology is right in our own backyard," stated Legislator Muratore. "Not only is education in science and technology extremely important to our nation's future prosperity, but Brookhaven National Laboratory continues to be significant to Long Island's economy and its environmental well-being." For more information on Brookhaven National Lab you can visit their website www.bnl.gov.

Legislator Muratore Acknowledges Chief Derek Anderson for Volunteer Recognition Month

Suffolk County Legislator Tom Muratore recently presented a proclamation to Chief Derek Anderson of Centereach Fire Department in acknowledgement of Volunteer Recognition Month. Resolution No. 339-2001 of the Suffolk County Legislature established a Volunteer Recognition Program for Firefighter and EMS Personnel, whereby each Legislator has the opportunity to formally nominate one person in his/her district for their outstanding service to the community as a Firefighter or EMS worker.



Legislator Tom Muratore presents a proclamation to Chief Derek Anderson of Centereach Fire Department.

"With over 30 years of dedicated service to the Centereach Fire Department, Chief Anderson was an easy choice as this year's recipient," stated Legislator Muratore. "He is well respected for his excellence and skill in rescue operations, and I feel honored to present this award as a small token of appreciation for his efforts. This district is very fortunate to have volunteers such as Derek Anderson protecting our community."

Welcoming Cub Scout Pack 385

Cub Scout Pack 385 of Centereach recently visited the Legislative Office of Legislator Tom Muratore in Selden to learn about his role in Suffolk County Government. The second graders were working toward the Wolf Badge, which they will be receiving in February and the Citizenship Belt Loop. Legislator Muratore, a former Boy Scout himself, was recently re-elected to his second term. The Cub Scouts came to the office for an informational discussion on the responsibilities and duties of a Suffolk County Legislator.



Legislator Tom Muratore (rear center) shows Cub Scout Pack 385 of Centereach and Cub Scout Wolf Den Leader Michele Muccio with her husband Thomas Muccio, the duties of a Suffolk County Legislator.

"It was such a pleasure discussing Legislative issues with these young Cub Scouts. The Boy Scout Organization is such a wonderful avenue for boys to get involved in," remarked Legislator Muratore. "Hopefully, one or more of these young men may decide to get into the governmental field by learning leadership skills and becoming interested in the direction their community is heading."

Pack #385 of Centereach meets once a month on a Friday night at 7pm at Jericho Elementary School on North Coleman Road and is chartered by the Knights of Columbus in Centereach. You can email learnbearsch@optonline.net to inquire about joining or for more information.

Supporting Girl Scouts of Suffolk County

Legislator Tom Muratore recently presented the Girl Scouts of Suffolk County with \$1,000 in grant funding. The money received will be used toward the purchase of supplies needed for the Girl Scout and Red Cross-Certified CPR/AED and First Aid Training Programs. Every Girl Scout leader is required to be certified in both First Aid and CPR/AED for the safety of the children during all GSSC activities.

"The Girl Scouts is such a great program for young girls to get involved with," stated Legislator Muratore. "I am glad to be able to help out with such a worthwhile agency that encourages our youth to get involved from local community activities through national and worldwide initiatives."

The Girl Scouts of Suffolk County builds girls of courage, confidence and character who make the world a better place. The GSSC is the largest youth-serving agency on Long Island, serving over 40,000 girls between the ages of five and seventeen. To find out more about the Girl Scouts, you can go to their website at www.gssc.us. For all of your legislative needs, please contact the Office of Legislator Tom Muratore at 631-854-9292 or tom.muratore@suffolkcountyny.gov.



Legislator Tom Muratore presents \$1,000 to Girl Scouts of Suffolk County President/CEO Yvonne Grant.

Congratulations to Newfield High School's Varsity Football Team

At a recent Suffolk County Legislature's General Meeting in Hauppauge, Legislator Tom Muratore honored Newfield High School's Varsity Football team by presenting them a proclamation. The football team had the distinction of becoming the Long Island Division II Champions for the 2011 Season.

The varsity squad won the Suffolk County Division II title with a 14-13 victory over the East Islip Redmen. Then, the following week, they defeated the Cougars of Garden City 14-7 in the Long Island Division II finals.

Individual honors were also presented to Head Coach Joe Piccinnini, who was voted Long Island Coach of the Year. Senior Linebacker Ron Denig received the Rob Burnett Award for best defensive player. Senior Quarterback Mike Silva was named MVP of the Suffolk County Championship Game. Junior Lineman James Manginelli and Senior Tight End Julian Santiago were respectively titled Defensive and Offensive Player of the Game in the Long Island Championship.

"I would like to congratulate these young men on all of their hard work," said Legislator Muratore. "They brought home the title to the 4th Legislative District in Suffolk County, where it belongs. I wish them the best in all their future endeavors."



Legislator Tom Muratore (center) with the Long Island Division II Champion Newfield High School Varsity Football Team.

Legislator Muratore's Committee Assignments

Legislator Tom Muratore (R-Ronkonkoma) announced his 2012 committee assignments. Legislator Muratore will sit on the Budget and Finance, Public Works and Transportation and Education and Information Technology Committees.

"I would like to thank the residents of the Fourth Legislative District for putting their trust in me for another term. I am glad to be able to serve on these three very important committees," commented Legislator Muratore. "I have and will continue to work in a bi-partisan manner to ensure that projects and programs are being provided to the residents in my district."

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Visiting Gatelot Elementary School

On Tuesday, October 25, 2011, Legislator Tom Muratore met with Mrs. Gorsky's 3rd grade class at Gatelot Elementary School in Lake Ronkonkoma. Legislator Muratore was able to secure funding for the PTA, which helped Mrs. Gorsky's class purchase new books through the R.I.F. Program (*Reading is Fundamental*).

"We really appreciate Legislator Muratore's dedication to the RIF program at Gatelot," stated third grade teacher, Mrs. Gorsky. "The children truly enjoyed getting to meet the man who is responsible for the wonderful books they get to take home to read and share with their families."

The children made a beautiful banner for Legislator Tom Muratore to thank him for helping purchase books for their class. "The banner is so special to me. This is why I became a Legislator, to make a difference," commented Legislator Muratore. "I think it is important we give children every opportunity that we can to enhance their school experience and make learning fun."



Gatelot Elementary teacher Mrs. Christine Gorsky, Legislator Tom Muratore and Principal Denise Kleinman with Mrs. Gorsky's third grade class.

Honoring the 2011 N.Y. State Champions

Recently, at the Suffolk County Legislature's General Meeting in Hauppauge, Legislator Tom Muratore paid tribute to the Sachem East Girls Field Hockey team on becoming the 2011 New York State Champions. Legislator Muratore presented the team with a proclamation to congratulate them on their championship.

Sachem East's "Flaming Arrows", led by Varsity Coach Tina Moon and assistants Jenna Brocking and Brook Fallon, defeated the Mamaroneck Tigers by a slim 1-0 margin in the state finals.

Aside from incredible team play, there were many individual honors. Tina Moon won the Mari Auster Memorial Coach of the Year Award. Samantha Alvino, Kristen Bagely, Jessica Caruana, and Katie Trombetta were all given the distinct honor of being nominated for All New York State Team for their outstanding play in the State Championship.

"I am truly proud of these stellar athletes and all the hard work they put in over the course of their season," said Legislator Muratore. "Their determination shows that hard work does pay off and they are a shining example for today's youth."



Legislator Tom Muratore (second from left) presents a proclamation to the Sachem East Girls Field Hockey team.

Attending the Grand Re-Opening of Selden Taco Bell

Legislator Tom Muratore recently attended the Grand Re-Opening of Taco Bell in Selden. The Taco Bell Restaurant in Selden is owned and operated by J&B Restaurant Partners, a Ronkonkoma-based company, which operates numerous national-brands throughout Long Island. Taco Bell in Selden recently closed down the restaurant in order to renovate the location.

"J&B Restaurant Partners is a great asset to this community and all of Long Island," commented Legislator Muratore. "They not only improved the appearance of their establishment, they also provided work for local contractors. The additional square footage has generated more business resulting in a boost in our local economy. It's a win/win for all involved."



Suffolk County Legislator Tom Muratore (3rd from left) attends Grand Re-Opening of Taco Bell in Selden along with officials from JVC Broadcasting and J&B Restaurant Partners and a representative from Councilwoman/Deputy Supervisor Kathy Walsh's office.

Supporting Local Teen Center

Legislator Tom Muratore recently visited the Middle Country Public Library located at 101 Eastwood Blvd. in Centereach in order to present a check for \$5,000 for the teen center. The library has created a trendy, inviting place just for teens, The Underground. Located on the lower level in the Centereach building, it's a teen living room and recreation space to read, chat with friends, listen to music, or just do homework. The Underground is open Monday thru Friday from 1pm to 9pm, Saturday from 9:30am thru 5pm, Sunday from 1pm until 5pm and from 9:30am thru 9pm on school holidays. The grant will be used for upgrades to the teen center.



Front row: Sandra Feinberg, Library Director and Legislator Tom Muratore. Back Row: Sophia Serlis-McPhillips, Assistant Library Director; Kristine Sabia, Teen Librarian; and Tracy Delgado-LaStella, Coordinator of Youth Services.

"I am glad to be able to provide the Middle Country Public Library with funds for upgrades to their teen program," stated Legislator Muratore. "The library has done such a great job with The Underground. This is a great venue for our children to enjoy after school and on weekends where they can get together with friends in a safe, fun, teen-friendly environment."

SCPD Special Needs/Silver Alert Program

Legislator Tom Muratore (R-Ronkonkoma) is pleased to inform residents of the Suffolk County Police Department's Special Needs/Silver Alert program. This program enables individuals, parents, guardians, relatives or other caregivers to register information regarding persons with special needs in the Police Department's database. This information can then be furnished to police officers responding to an emergency situation involving that person so the officers can better care for the person's needs. This program is designed for people with Dementia, Developmental Disabilities, Severe Mental Illness and other cognitive disorders that may impair reasoning, resulting in a person wandering or being disoriented/lost. Persons registering for the program can also request an identification bracelet be mailed to them free of charge by filling out a Special Needs/Silver Alert Registry form available online at www.suffolkpd.org and click on Amber/Silver Alert or call 631-852-6983.

"I am glad to let residents of the Fourth Legislative District know about this valuable program which is beneficial to both registrant and caregiver," stated Legislator Muratore. "If you have need, please take advantage of the assistance this program provides."

Honoring Eagle Scout Brandon Lewis David

Legislator Tom Muratore recently congratulated Brandon Lewis David on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout. Brandon celebrated with family, friends and fellow Scouts at his Eagle Scout Court of Honor Ceremony.

Eagle Scout Brandon Lewis David is a member of Boy Scout Troop #9 of Ronkonkoma, NY. Brandon has completed all the requirements and has been examined by the Eagle Scout Board of Review. Brandon's project was dedicated to the Lynwood Avenue Elementary School in Farmingville, where he, along with a group of Scouts, constructed two seating areas with raised planters for the students, parents and faculty of the school. Brandon was responsible for the planning, fundraising and organizing of this project.



Brandon is a graduate of Sachem East High School, graduating in 2011 with an Advanced Regents Diploma. Eagle Scout is the highest honor that can be bestowed upon a Boy Scout.

Grand Opening of Cella Bagels

Monday, December 5, 2011 Suffolk County Legislator Tom Muratore attended the grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony at Cella Bagels in Selden.

Cella Bagel's 1950's retro-Americana décor gives a unique take on the standard bagel/deli options. Cella's takes the time to kettle-cook their bagels to ensure the perfect bagel every time, with a vast variety of flavors including cheddar bacon, sunflower, and pepperoni. Owner John Rose estimates the typical Sunday to churn out "about 3000" bagels.

"Cella Bagels is another stellar example of small business persevering in our community," said Legislator Tom Muratore. "I would like to compliment them on their hard work... and their delicious food."

Cella Bagels is located at 1198 Middle Country Road in Selden. Their business hours are 5 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and they can be reached by phone at 631-320-1213.



Legislator Tom Muratore (Second from right), owner Gene Cella, Brookhaven Councilwoman Kathy Walsh, and owner John Rose cut the ribbon to commemorate the grand opening of Cella Bagels.

Muratore Attends Recycled Rides Give-A-Way

Legislator Tom Muratore recently attended the 4th Annual Recycled Rides Give-A-Way at the VFW Hall in Centereach on November 12, 2011. The Long Island Auto Body Repairmen's Assoc. (LIABRA) presented seven vehicles to local Veterans in need of reliable transportation. The Centereach Post 4927 runs the program for Suffolk County and Dennis Sullivan is the Chairman of this committee.

The mission of the Recycled Rides program is a nationwide awareness project whereby members of the National Auto Body Council (NABC) refurbish and donate recycled vehicles to Veteran's families who are in need throughout the United States. The seven Long Island repair facilities that refurbished the vehicles are: 112 Automotive Center in Patchogue, Mike G's Perfection Auto Body in Miller Place, Bi-County Auto Body in Smithtown, Groben's Auto Body in Centereach, Third Generation Body Repairs in Smithtown, Crestwood Auto Body in Centereach and Riverhead Collision in Riverhead. Insurance companies that donated the vehicles are GEICO, Progressive, Allstate and Traveler's.

"I would like to thank all of the auto body shops and insurance companies that helped make this program such a great success," remarked Legislator Muratore. "Veterans sacrifice for their country every day. It is great to see local businesses show their appreciation to these men and women and their families."



Legislator Tom Muratore (front row center) joins other elected officials and community leaders to thank local businesses that assisted with Recycled Rides Give-A-Way.