



Suffolk County Legislator
TOM MURATORE
 Representing Suffolk's 4th District



Community Update

Winter/Spring 2014



Legislator Muratore Sworn in for Third Term

Suffolk County Legislator Tom Muratore (R-Ronkonkoma) took the oath of office for his third term as Legislator for the Fourth District at the Organizational Meeting on January 2, 2014.

This year, he will serve as Vice Chair of the Public Works, Transportation and Energy committee and is a member of the Environment, Planning and Agriculture and Veterans and Seniors committees.

"I am honored to serve the people of the Fourth Legislative District for a third term," stated Legislator Muratore. "I encourage all of my constituents to contact my office and reach out if I can be of assistance."



Legislator Tom Muratore being sworn in for his third term.

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Committees:

- **Vice Chair**-Public Works, Transportation and Energy
- **Member**-Environment, Planning and Agriculture
- **Member**-Veterans and Seniors



The 4th Legislative District is located in the Town of Brookhaven, which includes Farmingville, Selden, Centereach, the Brookhaven Town portion of Ronkonkoma and parts of Coram, Holbrook, and Port Jefferson Station.

Legislator Tom Muratore Honors Sachem North High School's Football Champs



Photos : 1- (left to right) Legislator Tom Muratore, Sachem North Football Head Coach Dave Falco and Legislator John Kennedy
 2- (left to right) Legislator John Kennedy, Sachem North Football Head Coach Dave Falco and Legislator Tom Muratore pose with the Sachem North High School Football Team

Legislator Tom Muratore (R-Ronkonkoma) recently recognized Sachem North High School's Football Team as the Class I Long Island Champions for 2013. Muratore presented a proclamation to commemorate the event. "The Flaming Arrows" had a fantastic season with a record of 10 wins and 2 losses under the leadership of Head Coach Dave Falco. They won the Class I Long Island Championship and the Suffolk County Division I Championship for 2013. Sachem North's Football team also has the distinguished honor of having their Coach, Dave Falco, named as the New York State Coach of the Year.

"I look around the room and see young men with bright futures ahead of them," stated Legislator Muratore. "Because they are fortunate to have a leader like Coach Falco, they have learned the importance of team work and perseverance. Congratulations to the Flaming Arrows on this fine accomplishment, and to Coach Dave Falco for the well-deserved honor of being named New York State Coach of the Year."



Muratore Reminds Residents of Carbon Monoxide Safety

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, non-fire-related carbon monoxide poisoning is responsible for approximately 15,000 emergency department visits and nearly 500 deaths annually in the United States. Carbon monoxide is produced when elements such as gas, oil, kerosene, wood or charcoal are burned. When appliances are installed and maintained properly, the CO levels aren't hazardous. "Carbon monoxide is often called the 'silent killer,' because it cannot be seen and is odorless," stated Legislator Muratore. "At moderate levels, carbon monoxide can cause headaches, dizziness, nausea and fainting. At high levels, a person could die in a matter of minutes."

Here are some vital "do's and don't's" to ensure your family's safety when using carbon monoxide detectors in your home. Information is provided courtesy of Vision Long Island:

Carbon Monoxide Safety and Awareness Tips

Always Do

- Install a UL certified battery-operated or battery back-up CO detector in your home and check or replace the battery when you change the time on your clocks each spring and fall. Remember that CO detectors do not serve as smoke detectors and vice versa.
- Carefully follow manufacturers' instructions for placement, use and maintenance.
- Have a high standard CO detector fitted outside sleeping areas, and main living areas on each level of the home.
- If the detector sounds leave your home immediately and call 911. Digital models offer the advantage of being able to observe levels that are below the alarm threshold.
- Recognize symptoms and seek prompt medical attention if you suspect CO poisoning.
- Adhere to manufacturer's instructions when using appliances such as furnaces, ranges, water heaters and room heaters; engine-powered equipment such as portable generators.

Regularly Do

- Have a qualified technician fuel-burning appliances and chimneys at the beginning of each heating season to make sure they are operating properly.
- Have your vents and chimney checked and cleaned annually.
- Have an energy audit of your home done every five to ten years – not only will it identify carbon monoxide leaks (even at low levels,) but an audit can also lower your utility bills by identifying ways of improving your home's energy performance.

Never Do

- Never use a generator, charcoal grill, camp stove, or other gasoline or charcoal-burning device inside your home, basement, garage or outside near a window.
- Never run a car or truck inside a garage attached to your house, even if you leave the door open.
- Never burn anything in a stove or fireplace that isn't vented.
- Never heat your house with a gas stove or oven.

Never sleep in a room with an un-vented gas or kerosene space heater.

Legislator Muratore Honored by Centereach VFW Post #4927



Legislator Tom Muratore was recently honored by the Centereach VFW Post #4927 for his ongoing dedication and generous support of veterans and community service. Richie Autorina, Chaplain of Post #4927, along with Quartermaster Dennis Sullivan presented Legislator Muratore with a plaque to commemorate the event.

Legislator Tom Muratore Attends Two Ribbon Cutting Ceremonies For Local Businesses



Photos : 1- (from left to right) Brookhaven Town Councilman Kevin LaValle, Cella Bagel owners John Rose and Gene Cella, along with Suffolk County Legislator Tom Muratore and Brookhaven Town Supervisor Ed Romaine.

2- (left to right) Brookhaven Town Councilman Kevin LaValle and Suffolk County Legislator Tom Muratore pose with owners of Flanagan's Pub, Matthew Venturini and David Crowe. (photos courtesy of Ron Pacchiana)

Selden, NY –Legislator Tom Muratore (**R-Ronkonkoma**) recently joined other elected officials to recognize two local businesses at their ribbon cutting ceremonies.

Cella Bagels in Selden celebrated their Grand Re-Opening after sustaining fire damage at the hand of an arsonist. In Ronkonkoma, Flanagan's Pub held their Grand Opening. The occasion was celebrated with bagpipe music from the Emerald Society and Irish step dancing, in keeping with the pub's Irish theme.

"I love attending ribbon cutting ceremonies; showing support for small business is good for our local economy," stated Legislator Muratore. "I am happy that John and Gene were able to re-open Cella Bagels so quickly after the fire. It was also a great pleasure meeting Matt and Dave from Flanagan's Pub, and wish them much success in their endeavor."

Legislator Muratore and Councilman LaValle



Richard F. Braue, owner of Boccone's restaurant, with donor Arlene Hoffman of Selden and Legislator Tom Muratore.

Community Blood Drive a Success!



Legislator Tom Muratore and donor Doreen Lumbr of Centereach.

Selden, NY —Legislator Tom Muratore (*R- Ronkonkoma*) and Brookhaven Councilman Kevin LaValle co-hosted a Blood Drive on Friday, February 28th. The drive, held in conjunction with Long Island Blood Services, took place at the Centereach Fire Department. Over 60 pints of blood were taken over the course of the day. Donors were offered two free Mets tickets, as well as a 15% off coupon to Boccone of Selden, a local Italian pizzeria/restaurant.

"Blood donations save lives, and I appreciate those caring individuals who supported our drive. I'd like to give a special thanks to the Centereach Fire Department for providing our venue, as well as Phil and Rich of Boccone for offering a discount to our donors. This is a great example of our community working together," stated Legislator Muratore.

"I was happy to join with Legislator Muratore to co-sponsor this community blood drive in Centereach," said Councilman LaValle. "I was blown away by the overwhelming show of support from our community. Over 75 local residents participated, allowing us to collect over 60 pints!"

SAVE THE DATE!

Wednesday, April 16, 2014

SUFFOLK COUNTY LEGISLATURE
REPUBLICAN TASK FORCE ON BUDGET AND
TAXATION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING



Location: Veterans of Foreign Wars
Tordik-Diederich-Duffield Post
No. 4927
31 Horseblock Road, Centereach,
New York 11720-4340.

Date: Wednesday, April 16th, 2014

Time: 3:00 P.M. to 6:30 P.M.

SUBJECT: Innovative ideas to deal with Budget Control and Taxation Stability at the County level.

PURPOSE: Since the great recession of 2008 governments at all levels have had to make very dramatic decisions in order to stabilize taxes and reduce deficits while at the same time continuing to provide services to hard pressed residents. Many middle class county residents and small businesses have not recovered from the economic downturn and continue to suffer fiscal hardship. The purpose of the Task Force is to reach out and seek assistance from all stakeholders in terms of innovative ideas that can be presented in order to continue to provide tax stability at the County level while at the same time meeting the needs of our people. The Task Force is looking for **NEW IDEAS** that are well thought out from beginning to end. Innovative recommendations that will generate new revenues for the County or approaches that will reduce current County expenses but allow Suffolk County to continue to provide appropriate services to residents. The Task Force wants to listen, learn and recommend but that can only be achieved with your active participation in the process of government.