

## Community Update

### Legislator Tom Muratore Recognizes American Gold Star Mothers

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**Selden, NY** - Suffolk County Legislator **TOM MURATORE** (R-Ronkonkoma) recently attended a Banquet at the American Gold Star Mothers Convention, held at East Wind Caterers in Wading River. Legislator Muratore presented a Proclamation to the organization's Department of New York President and Gold Star Mother Michele McNaughton. The AGSM's mission is "finding strength in the fellowship of other Gold Star Mothers who strive to keep the memory of our sons and daughters alive by working to help veterans, active duty military, their families and our communities."



*Photo caption: Legislator Tom Muratore (left) with Michele McNaughton, President of the Department of New York's American Gold Star Mothers*

Legislator Muratore commented, "I was proud to be a part of this event, and to acknowledge the families of those who've made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. It is important that we continue to support our military, both active and retired. I applaud the Gold Star Mothers for their continued efforts in that regard."

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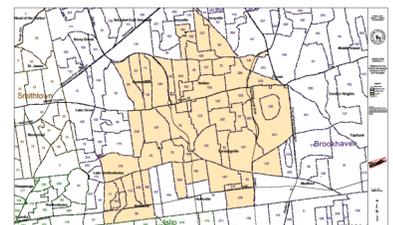
## Welcoming Bethpage Federal Credit Union to Centereach



Suffolk County Legislator Tom Muratore (R-Ronkonkoma) recently joined local elected officials and community leaders to celebrate the Grand Opening for Bethpage Federal Credit Union's newest branch in Centereach.

*Photo caption: Legislator Tom Muratore (right) presents a proclamation to Wayne Grossé (left), President and CEO of Bethpage Federal Credit*

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.





# A Public Service Announcement from Legislator Tom Muratore: “Be Pool Smart”

Water safety should be a primary concern not just in the summer, but all year long. Being that it only takes a few inches of water for a child to drown, it is important for adults to be aware and remain updated on important water safety and its procedures to prevent drowning incidents from occurring. Legislator Tom Muratore would like to provide the following recommendations to ensure a happy and safe summer for you and your families.

## Safety Systems:

**Barriers** – Installing a barrier surrounding the pool will limit water access to adults only.

All gates around the pool should be at least 4 feet tall, with a self-latching hook, out of a child’s reach to prevent unattended children from entering the pool area.

**Alarm Systems** – Installing an alarm system will alert adults of an unattended child entering the pool area, or leaving the home.

Door alarms should be placed in homes to alert adults when a child is leaving the home.

Alarms installed on gates allow adults to be informed if an unattended child enters the pool area.

Pool wave alarms can be placed on the pool surroundings to set off an alarm when waves become too large and dangerous for small children in the pool.

All of these alarm systems should have a distinct tone, which sounds for a minimum of 30 seconds, and can be measured from 10 feet away.

**Safety Covers** – Installing a safety cover, either manual or automatic, will ensure that children will not fall into the pool, and make them aware that the pool is not open for use.

## Follow these simple steps to ensure pool safety:

Never leave a child unattended. Stay close, and be alert of children in and around the pool.

Teach and practice basic water safety tips with your children.

Keep a telephone close by in case of an emergency.

Learn to perform cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and update those skills regularly.

**Legislator Muratore is asking everyone to take the POOL SAFETY PLEDGE:**

**“I won’t leave children alone near a pool, not for a minute, not for a second, not EVER!”**



# Community Blood Drive

Legislator Tom Muratore poses with staff members, blood donors, and employees of Long Island Blood Services at his Pound for Pint Blood Drive, held at the Middle Country Public Library in Selden on April 6, 2015. For every pint of blood donated, a local charity received a pound of food for the needy.



*Photo caption (right): Legislator Tom Muratore meets with nursing students (left to right) Rowena Carbonell, Stephanie Terzakos and Maria Nuzzi.*



## Legislator Muratore Meets with Nursing Students from Long Island University

Suffolk County Legislator Tom Muratore recently met with three nursing students from Long Island University. Rowena Carbonell, Stephanie Terzakos, and Maria Nuzzi scheduled a meeting at Legislator Muratore's district office as part of a course assignment requiring them to meet an elected official and discuss nursing issues.

"It is always a pleasure to have students visit my office," stated Legislator Muratore. "These young ladies have bright futures ahead of them. The foundation of a solid education, along with community support is crucial to ensure the success of our professionals and leaders of tomorrow."

# Tom Muratore's "Safe Spots" Resolution is Adopted by the Suffolk County Legislature

Resolution #401, sponsored by Legislator Tom Muratore was adopted at the May 12<sup>th</sup> General Meeting of the Suffolk County Legislature. The bill's intent is to "direct the Suffolk County Police Department to study the feasibility of creating 'safe spots' to protect residents when conducting private sales transactions." The study will include an examination of equipment and personnel costs associated with establishing these "safe spots," and the findings will be reported to the County Executive and the Legislature within 120 days.

"Classified sites such as Craigslist can be a great way to buy or sell an item and get a great deal," stated Legislator Muratore. "The majority of buyers and sellers are upstanding and legitimate. However, unfortunately, some aren't. While it is wise for individuals to use extreme caution and take measures to avoid danger, it is my wish to add an extra level of public safety by providing monitored "safe spots" throughout the county where buyers and sellers can arrange to meet."

Legislator Muratore urges residents to ALWAYS take safety precautions when meeting a stranger for an online sales transaction.



Log onto these helpful sites for more information about personal safety:

<http://www.onguardonline.gov/>

<http://getsafeonline.org/>

<https://www.wiredsafety.org/>

# LEGISLATOR TOM MURATORE RECOGNIZES OUTGOING CHIEF AT RONKONKOMA FIRE DEPARTMENT'S INSTALLATION DINNER



*Photographed: Left to right: Brookhaven Town Councilman Kevin LaValle, Outgoing Chief of Ronkonkoma Fire Department Timothy Blewett, current Chief Jonathan Santoli, New York State Assemblyman Al Graf, Suffolk County Legislator Tom Muratore, 3<sup>rd</sup> Assistant Chief Eric Cook, 2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Chief Kevin Murray,*

Suffolk County Legislator Tom Muratore recently attended the Ronkonkoma Fire Department's Annual Inspection and Installation Dinner, held at the Hyatt Regency in Hauppauge.

In addition to witnessing the installation of the department's new officers, Legislator Muratore presented a proclamation to outgoing Chief Timothy Blewett. "It is with much appreciation that I acknowledge and thank Chief Blewett for serving as Department Chief in my hometown. He and the entire Ronkonkoma Fire Department do a top-notch job at maintaining public safety in the community," commented Legislator Muratore.

