



Dear Reader,

Thank you for reading my monthly newsletter for updates on what I have been doing in the month of March. This past month I announced two community events in the months ahead. In addition, I had a busy month attending events across the district.

I hope to see you at the Legislature! Until next month,

~Rob Calarco

Legislator Calarco Announces 9th Annual Play for Peace Tournament

PATCHOGUE, N.Y. – Today Deputy Presiding Officer Rob Calarco announced the 9th Annual Play for Peace Tournament. This year’s tournament will take place on Saturday, August 12, 2017 at the Patchogue-Medford Youth Soccer Complex on Sipp Avenue in Medford.

“Last year’s tournament was a great success, and with the number of teams who have already expressed interest in playing in this year’s games, I’m confident that the 2017 will be our best year yet,” said Calarco.

Last year’s tournament saw a record number of teams and sponsors participate. Major sponsors included Healthfirst, Bridgehampton National Bank, Gershow Recycling, TRITEC Real Estate, and the Suffolk County PBA. Along with team sponsors also included Suffolk Federal Credit Union, Davis Park Ferry Co., Capital One Bank, the Brookhaven-Roe YMCA, and the Patchogue-Medford Congress of Teachers have consistently supported the event from the beginning.

Leg. Calarco first organized The Play for Peace Soccer Tournament in conjunction with the Patchogue-Medford Youth Soccer League in response to the 2008 Marcelo Lucero tragedy. The tournament, which is in its 9th year, has grown to become a tradition, the purpose of which is to bring the sports-loving community together to celebrate diversity, raise awareness, promote tolerance and raise money for local programs and organizations that actively promote ethnic peace, unity, and cultural tolerance.

The tournament is open to eight men’s teams and eight women’s teams. Teams interested in playing should contact Legislator Calarco’s office at (631) 854-1400 or William.Shilling@suffolkcountyny.gov.



Photo: SC Legislator Rob Calarco drives to the net on the way to a 2-1 win

MEDFORD, N.Y. – Deputy Presiding Officer Rob Calarco and the ‘A Team’ played in the Patchogue-Medford High School Floor Hockey Tournament on February 28th. Students, teachers, and administrators participated in the annual event that raises money for Patchogue-Medford students with cancer.



Photo from left to right: Clemente 'TJ' Ragazzini Incoming Chief of Medford Volunteer Ambulance Company, SC Legislator Rob Calarco Deputy Presiding Officer

RIVERHEAD, N.Y. – At the Annual Installation Dinner of the Medford Volunteer Ambulance Company, Deputy Presiding Officer Rob Calarco presented proclamations to honor and congratulate incoming Officers, Directors, and award winners. The Gala was held at the Atlantis Banquets and Events Center in Riverhead on Saturday, March 4th.



Photo from left to Right: William Gonyou Long Island Cares, Inc., SC Legislator Rob Calarco Deputy Presiding Officer, Wallace

PATCHOGUE, N.Y. – Deputy Presiding Officer Rob Calarco and Long Island Cares, Inc. completed a one month long Pet Food drive on Friday, March 3rd. The drive will help support families who have difficulty feeding their pets and allow the pets to stay in loving homes rather than in shelters. Legislator Calarco’s Pet Food Drive was part of Long Island Cares, Inc.’s 6th Annual Legislative Pet Food Drive, a Long Island wide effort with 24 other elected officials.



Photo: SC Legislator Rob Calarco Deputy Presiding Officer speaks to members of the Rotary Club of Patchogue

PATCHOGUE, N.Y. – Deputy Presiding Officer Rob Calarco was invited to speak at a meeting of the Rotary Club of Patchogue on Wednesday, March 1st at Bay Harbor Insurance Group. Calarco updated the group on projects going on in Patchogue and around the 7th district, as well as upcoming events that he will be hosting.

Legislator Rob Calarco Announces Earth Day Celebration at Medford Veterans Memorial Park

MEDFORD, N.Y. – Deputy Presiding Officer Rob Calarco has announced a new community event to celebrate Earth Day. The celebration will take place on Saturday, April 22nd from 10 AM to 2 PM at the Medford Veterans Memorial Park. The Medford Earth Day Celebration is being organized in conjunction with Brookhaven Town Councilman Neil Foley, the Medford Taxpayers & Civic Association, the Medford Chamber of Commerce, and the Patchogue-Medford Library.



The Medford Earth Day Celebration will feature family friendly events that emphasize ways to protect and appreciate the environment. Activities include Yoga in the Park, arts and crafts, entertainment, and free giveaways. In addition, the Suffolk County Sheriff Office’s ‘Shed the Meds’ program will be on hand with a way for local residents to dispose of their expired or unneeded medicines in a safe way that won’t harm the environment. Refreshments will be available from Chubb’s Market and Frostie of Suffolk.

“I am excited for this opportunity to bring our community together and shed light on the everyday things can do to help protect the environment,” said Calarco. “There are small steps that each of us can take every single day that can reduce pollution and our carbon footprint.”

The Medford Earth Day Celebration is being sponsored by Gershow Recycling, Inc., a family-owned Medford recycling company that has used environmentally friendly practices for decades. A portion of their donation will pay for perennials that will be planted by community members with a local Girl Scout troop around the park that day.

“Thank you to Gershow for sponsoring this event,” said Calarco. “And I want to say a special thank you to the community members who not only conceived of this event but helped organize it. In particular Bunnie Schiller, member of the Patchogue Medford School Board. Her hard work will help make Medford an even more beautiful place to live.”

Upcoming Events

Break Out the Gardening Gloves!
Extreme Yard Spring Clean Up
 with the
South Country Community Leadership Network

The South Country Community Leadership Network (SCLCN) will be organizing the 3rd Annual FREE Spring Front Yard Clean Up for a select number of homes deserving of a little TLC in the South Country Community. Winners will work alongside our crew to help beautify their property, which includes assistance with the removal of leaves and debris, lawn cutting, hedge trimming and plantings. To be considered for the clean up, please complete the form below and send to the following address by April 1, 2017:

SCLCN Mission Statement
 "Through a community based intervention approach, help the community and its residents reach their highest potential by assisting families in cities, implementing prevention and intervention strategies for at risk individuals and addressing underlying issues to promote a stronger and safer community."

South Country Central School District
 Office of the Superintendent - c/o SCLCN
 148 Duranton Avenue
 East Patchogue, NY 11752



**Together,
 We Can Make a
 Better First Impression
 of Our Community**

Name of Family: _____
 Address of Family/Residence: _____
 Name of Person Submitting This Form: _____

Join us
 as we
 celebrate
EARTH DAY

FREE FAMILY FRIENDLY EVENTS!

- Earth-friendly demonstrations
- Yoga in the Park
- Make a craft
- Entertainment
- Shed the Meds!

Bring your expired or unused medicines for safe disposal.
 • Get your hands dirty!
 • Giveaways
 • Refreshments
 Featuring Chubb's Market and
 Frostie of Suffolk

**Saturday
 April 22nd
 10am-2pm**

**MEDFORD
 VETERANS MEMORIAL
 PARK**

Hosted By:
 SC Legislator Rob Calarco Brookhaven Councilman Neil Foley
 Medford Taxpayers & Civic Assoc. Medford Chamber of Commerce
 Patchogue-Medford Library

For more information call 631-854-1400
 or email: EVG.Greg@scclcn.org




Photo: SC Legislator Rob Calarco Deputy Presiding with Cub Scout Pack 543 at the Patchogue St. Patrick's Day Parade

PATCHOGUE, N.Y. – Deputy Presiding Officer Rob Calarco marched in the Patchogue St. Patrick's Day Parade on Sunday, March 19th. Thousands of residents came out to celebrate the annual parade. This year's Grand Marshall was Tom Keegan, owner of Brickhouse Brewery and long time member of the Greater Patchogue Chamber of Commerce. The Patchogue St. Patrick's Day Parade was an idea conceived by Tom Keegan and he selected as this year's Grand Marshall to recognize the work he did to make it a reality.



Did you know that 3 out of 4 car seats are used incorrectly?
 Could yours be one of them?

Legislator Rob Calarco, Suffolk County Police Department and EAC's Certified Technicians will be on-site to inspect car seats and provide parents with essential information about child passenger safety.

FREE Inspections **Booster Seats**

Medford Fire Department
Saturday June 10th, 2017
 10:00 am – 1:00 p.m.
 171 Oregon Avenue
 Medford, NY 11763

Inspections are by **APPOINTMENT ONLY**
 Call **1-631-648-7100 ext. 219**

Program funding provided by: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration with a grant from the New York State Governor's Traffic Safety Committee

~ Blue Point ~ Coram ~ East Patchogue ~ Gordon Heights ~
 ~ Medford ~ North Patchogue ~ Middle Island ~ Patchogue ~ Patchogue Village ~

Charting the Course
 "Where Business Meets Opportunity"



Presented by Suffolk County Legislator Rob Calarco

When: Monday, June 19, 2017 Where: Patchogue Theatre
 9:00am to 1:00pm 71 E Main St
 Patchogue, NY 11772
 (Registration and Networking begins at 8:45am)

The partnership between Government and Business has created a unique story in Patchogue Village unlike any other in Suffolk County. Come join us for a free forum featuring elected officials, key government agencies, and neighboring businesses as we discuss the lessons learned building Patchogue and how we can help you achieve success for your business.

Patchogue Village Mayor Paul Pontieri
 Keynote Speaker

BREAKOUT PANELS

- #1 - Starting a Business
- #2 - Greening Your Business
- #3 - Leveraging Public Dollars
- #4 - Developing Your Workforce

Event Sponsors: 

To RSVP, contact Christina DeLisi at (631) 853-6377
 or email ccoleri.legislature@suffolkcountyny.gov



Photo: SC Legislator Rob Calarco Deputy Presiding Officer addresses audience while SC Det. Jimmy Crayne prepares a presentation

PATCHOGUE, N.Y. – Suffolk County Detectives Tom Gabriel and Jimmy Crayne were on hand to give an educational presentation on identity theft scams that are targeting seniors. The event was hosted by Deputy Presiding Officer Rob Calarco at the Patchogue-Medford Library on Wednesday, March 22nd. Also in attendance was Michael Gunther, of the Crime Victims Center of Parents for Megan's Law. Gunther spoke about programs available to seniors who have been the victims of crime.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ON
 UPCOMING EVENTS PLEASE VISIT
 MY WEBSITE AT:**

<http://suffolkcountyny.gov/do7/home.aspx>