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## LAKE RONKONKOMA TOURS



(Janet Rischbieter, Comptroller John Kennedy, Legislator Leslie Kennedy, and Beth Harris)

April 8, 2017 – Last Sunday Legislator Leslie Kennedy (R-Nesconset) had the opportunity to hike The Original Walking Tours of Lake Ronkonkoma, which is led by local author and historian Dale Spencer. As its name suggests, the walking tour takes participants on a walk around Lake Ronkonkoma where historic sites once lay. Tour goers are provided with a booklet that contains pictures of the historic sites as they once were, and they are taken to the sites as they are today while Dale Spencer explains their past. People get a sense of how the community around Lake Ronkonkoma has changed from the vacation community for wealthy New Yorkers to the suburban community it is today.



(Hollywood Pier)

Among the many sites she visited, Legislator Kennedy was taken to the location where the Hollywood Pavilion and Fishing Pier once was, on the Brookhaven side of the lake. This pavilion was built in the 1920s, and the beach served as a recreation spot for young families and young adults. Unfortunately the pavilion no longer stands, as it was purchased by Brookhaven town in 1964 and it was used by the Fire Department as part of their fire training drill.



(Olympia Pavilion)

She also had the opportunity to see the location of the Olympia Pavilion which was once located on the eastern shore of Lake Ronkonkoma. The same developer as the Hollywood Pavilion built the Olympian, this one however was constructed later in the mid-1920s and was known for its German food restaurant. The Olympian pavilion was destroyed in 1938 when a tornado hit Ronkonkoma in July of 1938.



(Lake Front Hotel)

One of the oldest sites that Legislator Kennedy saw on her tour was the site of the Lake Front Hotel, which was built in the 1870s. Lake Front was designed for wealthy residents of New York City, who wished to vacation out in the country, the hotel boasted large athletic fields, three luxury cottages, and a Casino exclusively for guests. This hotel operated until 1937.

Legislator Kennedy toured many other historic sites along the coast of Lake Ronkonkoma, “I highly recommend this tour to anyone who is interested in learning about the history of their community,” said Leslie Kennedy. “Dale is a wealth of knowledge; he taught me many things about Lake Ronkonkoma’s rich history.”

For more information about this event or other events in the community, please call our office at (631)-854-3735 or log onto Legislator Kennedy’s Facebook page at [facebook.com/legislatorlesliekennedy](https://facebook.com/legislatorlesliekennedy).

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Suffolk County Legislator Leslie Kennedy represents the 12<sup>th</sup> Legislative District, encompassing Smithtown, Nesconset, Hauppauge, the Village of the Branch, Lake Grove, parts of Commack, Ronkonkoma, Lake Ronkonkoma and Centereach. Legislator Kennedy was born and raised on Long Island, is a former nurse and small business manager, and has dedicated her life towards the betterment of our community. She currently serves on the following Committees: Budget and Finance, Education and Human Services, Government Operations, Personnel, and Information Technology, Health, Parks & Recreation, Public Safety, and Veterans