

THURSDAY'S THOUGHTS

From Suffolk County Legislator

William R. Spencer, M.D.



GREETINGS 18TH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT RESIDENTS!

– Greenlawn – Centerport – Northport – Asharoken – Eaton's Neck – Huntington – Halesite –
– Huntington Bay – Huntington Station – Lloyd Harbor – Cold Spring Harbor – East Northport –

Dear Neighbor,

I am partnering with the American Red Cross on their Home Fire Preparedness campaign, which aims to educate residents on the importance of smoke alarms and fire prevention. **As part of this program, the Red Cross will be providing and installing smoke alarms, free of charge, to interested residents in Huntington Station on Saturday, March 12th from 10:00am to 4:00pm.** If you or a family member/friend is interested in learning more about this initiative, or signing up for a free free smoke alarm installation, call (516) 229-1086 to reserve a spot.

While the event on March 12th is focused in Huntington Station, **all residents in Suffolk and Nassau Counties are invited to request to have their smoke alarm installed.** Complete the form at the following website, https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1Zu3H4Qan-o0x_CFrSzL_uoxJwBELNVbvVN10aC6-TfA/viewform?c=0&w=1, and the Red Cross will notify you when they will be in your area.

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Families can prevent and prepare for a home fire with two simple steps:



Step 1: Practice drills at home with your goal being to escape in 2 minutes or less- Use this [Home Fire Escape Plan](#) worksheet to plan your evacuation and practice it at least twice a year as a family.



Step 2: Test your smoke alarms monthly- Make sure you and your family are alerted as soon as a fire is detected. If the smoke alarm isn't working, change the batteries.

The Red Cross Responds to a Home Fire or Other Disaster Every 8 Minutes

That is why they launched the Home Fire Campaign, which aims to reduce the number of fire-related deaths and injuries by **25% by 2020.** To date in the Long Island Region they have already:

- Reached 116 youth with preparedness information
- Conducted 140 in-home visits
- Created 131 evacuation plans
- Installed more than 375 smoke alarms

Legislator Spencer Meets with Harborfields HS Pre-Med Club!



Legislator William R. Spencer, M.D. had the pleasure of joining students in the Harborfields High School Pre-Med Club at their recent meeting on Tuesday, February 23rd, where he had the opportunity to discuss the field of medicine with our doctors of tomorrow! During the meeting, Legislator Spencer shared his personal journey of becoming a doctor, including his motivations, the track he took in undergraduate and medical school, and the importance of community involvement. "It was inspiring to see so these insightful and dedicated high school students actively working to enhance their learning experiences and medical knowledge. I was honored that they chose to include me as a guest speaker, and hope that they all consider the time-honored career of medicine." said Legislator Spencer.

Library Museum Pass Program



Did you know that our local libraries provide a museum pass program that allows cardholders to obtain free or reduced admission to select museums on Long Island and in New York City? If you are a card holder, be sure to reserve a spot! Below you will find the links to the library webpages where you can find information about the museum pass program.

~ Harborfields Library ~

- ❖ <http://www.harborfieldslibrary.org/museum.htm>

~ Huntington Library~

- ❖ <http://eventkeeper.com/code/events.cfm?curOrg=hunt&curapp=passes>
- ❖ <http://www.myhpl.org/about-us/important-announcements/907-purchase-discount-tickets-to-area-attractions-hpl>

~Cold Spring Harbor Library~

- ❖ <http://www.cshlibrary.org/information-services/info-services-subpage-1/>

~ Northport- East Northport Library ~

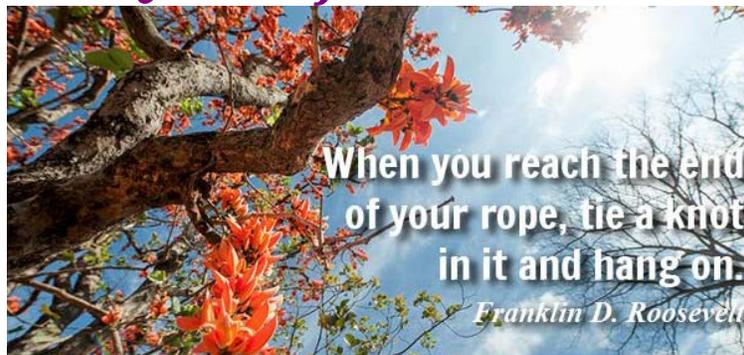
- ❖ <http://www.nenpl.org/services/museumpass/index.php>
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Welcoming Our Newest Eagle Scout, Thomas Neary!



Suffolk County Legislator William R. Spencer, M.D. recently had the honor of presenting Thomas Neary with a proclamation recognizing his achievement of gaining the rank of Eagle Scout. For his project, Thomas combined his interests of baseball and scouting to better the ballfields he grew up playing on by designing and building four baseball bat boxes for the Town of Huntington baseball fields behind the East Northport Library. "Becoming an eagle scout is a testament to a person's character, determination, and commitment to the betterment of their community," said Legislator Spencer. "I am confident that wherever life takes him, Thomas will use the leadership skills and integrity instilled in him through scouting on his journey. Congratulations and best wishes!"

Quote of the Week...



Sincerely,

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