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MESSAGE FROM LEGISLATOR CURRAN Winter Newsletter

New Year's greetings to all of my constituents! As I wrap up my first year as your county legislator, I'd like to share with you and your family some of what I've been up to. Among the highlights:

- I sponsored legislation to give **veteran-owned businesses support** when seeking county contracts. The bill includes active outreach to veteran-owned businesses, the creation of a directory of these businesses, and guidance in helping cut through the red tape that may be holding them back.
- I was able to secure grants for important safety initiatives throughout the district, helping our fire districts, and schools keep our families safe.

Working with local chambers of commerce and civic groups, I continue to bring attention to the importance of supporting local businesses. When they succeed, we all succeed!

Sincerely,
Laura Curran

Improving Our District

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Community Revitalization Funding

Working with the County administration, I was able to secure Community Revitalization Project (CRP) funding for several projects.

- Funding was used to replace an outdated, decades-old flat-bottomed boat for the **Baldwin Fire Department** to use and share with other fire districts in flooded residential areas.
- We won approval for CRP funds to update the South Hempstead Fire Department's computer system, upgrade the Freeport Fire Department's radios; and make safety improvements to the Baldwin School Districts' baseball fields.

Promoting Small Businesses

- My office sponsored **Shop Local Saturday** with the **Baldwin and Freeport Chambers of Commerce** to promote more than 100 local businesses. I also worked with the Baldwin Chamber and Baldwin's two civic associations to sponsor Holiday Bargains for Baldwin during the past holiday season.

Community Outreach and Engagement

- I was able to help secure a parcel of County-owned land for the Baldwin Civic Association to create a lovely community garden.
- My office held several community meetings on topics such as emergency preparedness, public safety, tax assessment, housing, and scam prevention.
- We brought state government to you by hosting a presentation on the state budget in Freeport.

Health and Safety

- We brought the Nassau University Medical Center mammogram van to the district to provide women with free mammograms.
- My office sponsored a blood drive that collected 55 pints of much-needed blood.



With Baldwin Fire Commissioners (clockwise from top left) Frank Esposito, Paul Yanantuono, Robert Quackenbush, Douglas Wiedmann, Michael McDermott.



Nassau County
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Introducing the Constituent Action Network!

If you would like to become more involved in your community, please join our Constituent Action Network where you will be able to speak directly with your County Legislator and bring your ideas and questions to the table. Interested? Just fill out this card with your phone number, address, and email, and we will send you an invite to the first meeting of 2015!

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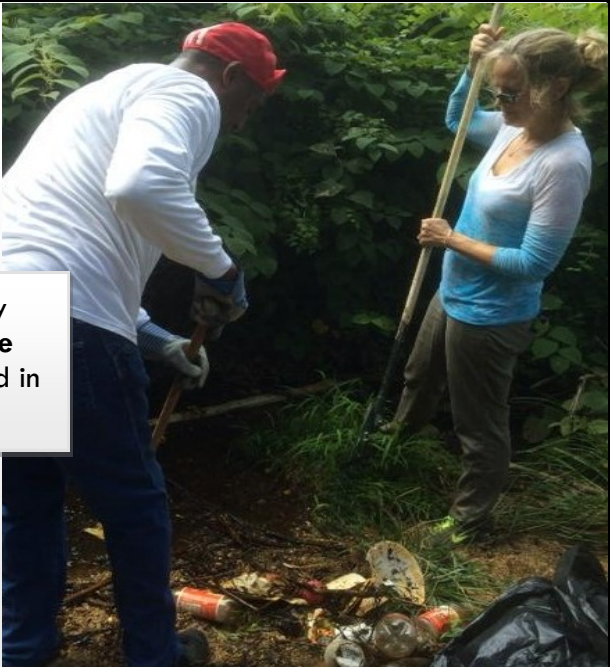
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Keeping Nassau's Environmental Preserves Clean

I sponsored a community cleanup of the **Brookside Preserve**, and participated in many other cleanups.





LAURA AROUND THE DISTRICT



- Clockwise from top left:
1. With volunteers from the House of Refuge Helping Hands Ministries in **Baldwin** donating their time to take care of the less fortunate on Thanksgiving Day.
 2. Helping the **Oceanside** Rotary and a great group of freshman from Oceanside High School, collect food for the poor on November 22, 2014.
 3. At the **Merrick** Fire Department's Installation Dinner.
 4. With Village of **Freeport** Mayor Robert Kennedy and the great staff from the Nassau University Medical Center's Mammography Van, providing free screenings to uninsured women over 50, on November 20, 2014.
 5. With Village of **Rockville Centre** Mayor Francis X. Murray, and Margarita Grasing and Marguerite Grasing Keller of the RVC Hispanic Brotherhood at a fall luncheon.
 6. (Center Photo) At the Christmas Tree Lighting Party in **South Hempstead** with Ex-Chief Frank De-gen and Derek Varsalona of the South Hempstead Volunteer Fire Department on December 5, 2014.

Upcoming Events

- Tuesday, January 20**
- Blood Drive with the New York Blood Center**
2:00 – 6:30 PM
Baldwin Public Library
2385 Grand Ave., Baldwin, NY 11510
ALL DONORS RECEIVE ONE PAIR OF FREE METS TIX!
- Thursday, January 29**
- Seminar: How to Grieve Your Tax Assessment**
6:30 – 8:30 PM
Freeport Memorial Library
144 W. Merrick Rd., Freeport, NY 11520
- Wednesday, February 4**
- Seminar: How to Grieve Your Tax Assessment**
2:00 – 4:00 PM
Oceanside Library
30 Davison Ave., Oceanside, NY 11572
- Wednesday, February 11**
- Seminar: How to Grieve Your Tax Assessment**
2:00- 4:00 PM
Baldwin Public Library
2385 Grand Ave., Baldwin, NY 11510

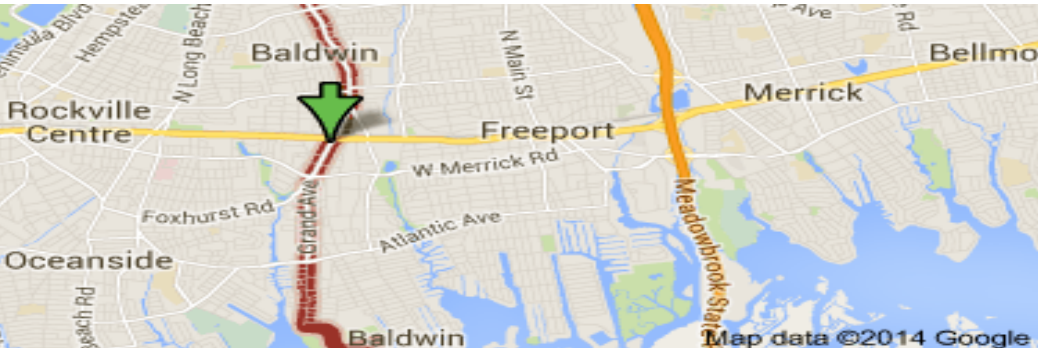


I joined the **Operation SPLASH** crew out of Freeport's Guy Lombardo Marina. We picked up three barrels of trash, a chair, a ladder, and a barnacle-studded flotation tank. With Operation SPLASH volunteers (l-r) Anthony Alfieri, Louise Mardosa, Steve Bohn.

I am currently working with the County's Department of Public Works and the LiRo Group, an engineering firm, on a study to make Baldwin's Grand Avenue more navigable for cars, buses, pedestrians and bicyclists.

Please stay tuned for public input meetings.

We want to know how **YOU** think **Grand Avenue** can be improved.



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