







Saluting African American Contributions to Military Service.

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OUR MISSION

The Office of Minority Affairs has a mandated mission as a partner to the citizens of Nassau County. Together, we work to strengthen build our communities through programs that promote the development, advancement, and betterment of economic and cultural opportunities for its' minority residents. OMA is responsible for the improvement and stabilization of economically deprived areas in the county and looks forward to providing diversity and inclusion.

DON'T MISS!

Gospel Meets Jazz Concert

Saturday, August 20th 4:00PM

@ Eisenhower Park's Harry Chapin Lakeside Theater in East Meadow

2016 Long Island Community & Economic Development Conference

Wednesday, September 14th 8:00AM-5:00PM

@ Crest Hollow Country Club 8325 Jericho Turnpike Woodbury, NY

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From the desk of Acting Executive Director Shelley (Braz

Greetings Nassau County Residents:

My name is Shelley Brazley, the Acting Executive Director of Minority Affairs. It gives me great enjoyment to present our 2016 Inaugural Edition Newsletter. The Office of Minority Affairs (OMA) has worked diligently to provide services that will empower and benefit the communities of Nassau County. I am committed to insuring that the Office of Minority Affairs works diligently towards fulfilling the directives outlined by the County of Nassau Charter.

Within the pages of this Newsletter, you will find that OMA is determined to produce excellence as we fulfill our mission, to develop, advance, and better the economic, employment, business, and cultural opportunities in our county. Our focus will be on the improvement and stabilization of the economically deprived areas within the county.

In the very near future, our office will be providing training and networking opportunities for growth and development for the Minority, Women, Disadvantaged, and Service Disabled Veteran Business Enterprises. We will also continue to celebrate the beautiful and diverse cultures represented within Nassau County.

I, along with my staff, are excited for the opportunity serve in this capacity and encourages you to reach out to us, as we will always be open to receive you and assist you with any needs that may arise. At your convenience, our contact information can be found on page 11 of this newsletter.

Sincerely,

Shelley Brazley





UPCOMING EVENTS



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THE MINORITY BUSINESS EMPOWERMENT WORKSHOP



The Minority Business EmPOWERment Workshop Series are held in various languages to make way for an easier transfer of information and opportunities. These workshops work to diminish any language barriers that may prevent our residents from reaching their full potential in the business world. These opportunities come knocking onto the footsteps of every community and permits public policy to be better-serving in return for a more informed constituent.

This specific workshop was focused around HUD Section 3 Opportunities and was an outreach presentation for the Spanish Speaking Community. The next workshop will be presented in Creole for the Haitian Community to learn about these same opportunities. In the upcoming months, our office looks forward to holding many workshops in various languages and appeals to an array of communities.



THE SENIOR SENIOR PROM







The Senior Senior Prom is an annual community event that creates a bridge for community bonding and unity as well as, creates a space for strong growing bonds. The Office of Minority Affairs in concert with Children & Family Services, Operation Get Ahead, the African American Museum and a dynamic group of Hempstead High School Seniors focused on providing an enjoyable evening for our Senior Residents.

This year's Senior Senior Prom theme was *A Night of Elegance* and was held in the African American Museum. This year marked the 10th Annual Intergenerational Senior Senior Prom. We look forward to many more years of integration and unity.

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VETERAN'S SUMMER STAND DOWN



Nassau County Veterans Service Agency's "Summer Stand Down" is an action-packed day dedicated to building relationships and providing support services all while creating an ambient environment where our veterans will be able to enjoy a delicious barbeque in their name, free clothing, and free canned-goods. This special event provides VA Benefits Counseling, Support Services, Health Screening, Legal Advice, Haircuts, Dental Counseling, and many representatives of our federal, state, and local agencies.



AVENUE OF HEROES IN ROCKVILLE CENTRE





Mayor Francis X. Murray of the Village of Rockville Centre held a street renaming ceremony on the Village Green at the corner of Maple Avenue and Lee Avenue. The ceremony was held to honor the Village's heroes and their dedication and commitment to those who have served the residents and visitors of our community. Following, "Avenue of Heroes" is also home to our September 11th Memorial in honor of those killed on the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. This memorial will serve as a place to remember the lives of our neighbors and looks for ways to ensure that they are recognized and not forgotten.

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RAMADAN IFTAR DINER



Nassau County Executive, Edward P. Mangano presents citation to Sukran Karademir, Hazel Goral, and Hatice Demiroglu for her outstanding service in her community.

The holy month celebration of Ramadan revolves around the idea of welcoming all friends, family, and neighbors to "break the bread" and have dinner in solidarity. As Ramadan emphasizes brotherhood and community, this event made sure to highlight the particular closeness felt for our Nassau County residents.

During Ramadan and through increased charity, often feelings of generosity and good-will toward others grow. Because of this, Nassau County Executive, Ed Mangano, made certain to present citations to many of our residents for their selfless contributions to our county.



COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT



ELISA NUNEZ

Elisa Nunez is a sophomore at the City University of New York: Brooklyn College where she has taken many engaging classes that have truly furthered her analytical and critical thinking skills. Because of this, she qualified to be a recipient of Nassau County Leadership Development Internship Program where she contributed to the overall growth of the Nassau County Office of Minority Affairs.

Elisa Nunez was raised in Uniondale and currently resides in Baldwin, NY. She is of Honduran descent and has taken active steps to serve her community. One of which, she has participated in CUNY Citizenship NOW! Volunteer Trainings, The Ernesto Malave Leadership Program, and was an Executive Board Member of the CUNY-wide student organization, CUNY DREAMers. She is a recipient of the D'Brickashaw Ferguson Scholarship Foundation, and the National DREAM.US Scholarship.

Elisa is diligent and passionate about public work and strives to provide opportunities to underrepresented communities in government. In five years, she hopes to be CEO and founder of her own non-profit organization.





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