

Legislator Solages' Community Update

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Red Light Cameras – Public Safety

Several residents have expressed concern with the duration of the yellow lights at County traffic lights, specifically at Red Light Cameras. The original intent of the Red Light Cameras was to increase safety at intersections that routinely had accidents, by enforcing that drivers stop at red lights. However, if current yellow light durations do not allow drivers the ability to safely stop before the light turns red, they are not increasing safety, and therefore can only be seen by residents as a money grab. In response to these complaints, my office researched the issue and has brought that research to the County Executive and Department of Public Works. While it appears that the County is properly following federal protocol in calculating the yellow light durations, I remain concerned the duration may still be too short. At the recent Legislative Session on October 29th, I provided a letter from my office to the members of the Public Safety Committee regarding the length of yellow lights at Red Light Cameras. I'm hopeful that the members of the committee will join me in ensuring the lights are correctly timed for the safety of all residents.

Major Projects for Inwood

The demolition of the County owned building at 175 Roger Avenue, Inwood, began on October 4th. The demolition is expected to take approximately 3 months. I ask that all residents in the area be aware of the project, and call my office with any problems or concerns. Further, Inwood Park improvements are moving forward. The building that had been damaged by the fire will be repaired, with work anticipating to start in the next few months. Once the building is repaired, the County will work with the community to make more repairs and upgrades to the park.

Opioid Crisis-Narcan Training

One of the largest issues affecting Nassau County, and this country as a whole, is the opioid epidemic. In too many of our communities, we are losing residents of all ages to drugs, specifically heroin. In August, the Nassau County Police Department declared Valley Stream as the seventh-most-active community in Nassau County for opioid abuse, with fifty-one overdoses and five fatalities. On December 11th, I am hosting a very important meeting regarding the heroin crisis to teach the community the signs of an opiate overdose, the proper steps to reverse an opiate overdose, and new treatment approaches that are being taken. The flyer with additional information is on the back. I am urging residents to attend the meeting. While I hope the lessons of the meeting are never needed, the information being taught can save a life should someone close to you overdose. Register online at:

www.nassaucountyny.gov/overdosetraining



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HELP SAVE THE LIFE OF A LOVED ONE!

LEARN:

- The signs of an opiate overdose;
- How to reverse an opiate overdose;
- About new treatment approaches.

Every day, at least one Long Islander dies from an opiate overdose. And those are only the ones we know of - the ones directly caused by Heroin or prescription painkillers such as Percocet or Oxycodone.

About 7 out of 10, died at home.

Overdoses can happen to anyone. We will give you for FREE, the overdose reversal agent, Naloxone - and we'll show you how and when to use it. We'll also tell you about Nassau's newest and effective treatment



approaches – including injectable, extended-release Naltrexone; and integrated care.

DON'T MISS A CHANCE TO SAVE A LIFE.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2018 7:00PM-9:00PM

Gateway Christian Center 502 Central Avenue, Valley Stream

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