

## [Dozens Attend First-Time Homebuyers Workshop](#)

Legislator Solages recently partnered with the State of New York Mortgage Agency (SONYMA) and the Long Island Housing Partnership (LIHP) to host a workshop for first-time homebuyers at the Elmont Memorial Library.

During the event, prospective homebuyers learned how they could qualify to receive significant money towards the purchase of their first home and gained knowledge about best practices in preparing financially; navigating the home-buying process; securing pre-approval; and available free grant, loan, and first-time homebuyer programs.

Legislator Solages thanks all of the sponsors who played a major role in making this event a tremendous success! Visit SONYMA at <https://hcr.ny.gov/SONYMA> and LIHP at <http://www.lihp.org> for additional resources.



## [Kicking Off An Exciting New School Year](#)

To ensure students have the essentials for a strong start to the 2023-24 school year, Legislator Solages teamed up with Exit 13 Grooming Lounge, and Fenol C. LaRock, Christiano Marcello and Antonio Marcello, and community partners from the Green Acres Mall, Natalie Mitchell Real Estate, the Krystie Foundation, King Umberto Pizza, Lux Entertainment, Meera Empowerment to host their inaugural back-to-school supply giveaway in Elmont.

During this event - one that will hopefully become a yearly tradition in Elmont - nearly 300 students received backpacks filled with the necessary supplies to kick start the upcoming school year. Youngsters also received haircuts from the Exit 13 Grooming Lounge and enjoyed games, face painting, music, ice cream from Mr. Flavors of Elmont and pizza from King Umberto Pizza. Representatives from Ridgewood Savings Bank were also on hand with additional giveaways.



## [Addressing Community Concerns in Elmont](#)

Responding to the concerns expressed by his constituents in Elmont, Legislator Solages is working with the Nassau County Police Department's Fifth Precinct and the Town of Hempstead to address quality of life issues along Hempstead Turnpike and Elmont Road, including litter and debris cleanup. He is also calling upon UBS Arena—which will soon be opening an array of new retail stores—to be better neighbors and reduce the daily \$5 commuter parking fee. Legislator Solages is also demanding more bus and Able Ride service between Hempstead Turnpike to the new Elmont LIRR station.

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Dear Neighbor:

*I hope that you and your loved ones are having a great start to the new school year! This important time of year provides an opportunity to reflect upon what we have accomplished together through a variety of initiatives:*

## Major Investments in Traffic Safety Throughout Our Community

With a focus on traffic safety improvements, Legislator Solages continues to deliver targeted investments in infrastructure projects throughout the district.

Key initiatives include commitments for a \$5.274-million streetscape and traffic safety improvement project focused upon **Linden Boulevard** from the Queens border to the Southern State Parkway in Elmont. A total of \$650,000 has been bonded thus far for a project to make **Dutch Broadway** safer for pedestrians and motorists alike. He also successfully advocated for a redesign of Southern State Parkway **Exit 13 at Stuart and Central Avenues** in Valley Stream - a \$20-million project that the State is now spearheading. The Southern State **overpass over Elmont Road and North Fletcher Avenue** will also be repaved and repaired.



Legislator Solages furthermore secured County resources to install a traffic light at the **Cross Island Parkway/Belt Parkway exit 25B off-ramp** at Elmont Road and Oliver Avenue in North Valley Stream and met with leaders and Department of Public Works officials to discuss ways that **Elmont Road** can be made safer for the congregants of Muhammadi Masjid and Elmont Temple Seventh-Day Adventist Church, resulting in a request for a traffic study. Previously, Legislator Solages secured installation of a traffic signal at the intersection of **Dutch Broadway and Diamond Street** in Elmont and speed indicators on **Dutch Broadway at Warner Road** and just east of the **Elmont Road** intersection. In North Valley Stream, he facilitated the installation of a new traffic light for the Dutchgate senior living community at the intersection of Willow Lane and Lawrence Avenue, and a traffic light on Elmont Road near the parking lot for St. Boniface Church.

Legislator Solages is currently advocating for a turn signal that would facilitate left-hand turns onto west-bound **North Fletcher Avenue** in N. Valley Stream and is working with Nassau's Department of Public Works to complete a traffic study of North Central Avenue.

## Following Fatal Shooting, Valley Stream Community Shares Concerns

Dozens of Valley Stream residents attended an emergency community meeting following a fatal shooting at an event space on Ocean Avenue on Monday, Aug. 21. During the gathering, community members spoke extensively about their feelings of being overlooked by their Village leaders and fears for their safety and the well-being of their families. Since the meeting, three people have been arrested in connection with the incident, which claimed the life of a 20-year-old man and injured four others.



To restore the peace of mind that every resident deserves to have, Legislator Solages is working alongside community leaders and residents to confront underlying quality-of-life issues that have not been addressed by the Village of Valley Stream in the neighborhood where the shooting occurred.



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