



# LEGISLATIVE REPORT

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The First Legislative District is comprised of the Incorporated Villages of Rockville Centre and Hempstead.

## FIGHTING FOR FAIRNESS FOR OUR YOUTH

Dear Neighbor:

On April 23, my colleagues and I achieved a major victory in the first leg of our ongoing fight for equitable investments in our communities.

Before that date, County Executive Bruce Blakeman refused to process over \$1.3 million in grant funding for first responders in districts served by Democratic legislators. Meanwhile, he signed off on 34 Republican-backed requests, totaling \$2.5 million. You read that correctly - **34 to nothing**.



Faced with this series of events, we were left with no other recourse but to confront the County Executive and demand that he fund our first responders. We pursued this by leveraging our vote for the capital plan - which requires a 13-member supermajority to pass. Although County Executive Blakeman initially lashed out with false statements to try to break our resolve, a month after we drew our line in the sand, we secured those grants and, true to our word, voted for the Fiscal Year 2025 capital plan. Not only did we secure critical resources to fully fund the Rockville Centre Fire Department's purchase of a new ambulance in doing so, but I am also thrilled to report that the bond authorization resolution we approved includes nearly **\$8.8 million for crucial traffic safety and streetscape projects in Hempstead Village and Rockville Centre**.

This is an important step forward, but we are not done holding the administration accountable - and the work continues right here in District 1. In addition to delaying key resources for our first responders in Democratic-served districts, County Executive Blakeman has similarly blocked critical grants for local parks, libraries and school districts.

One of the most glaring examples is **Hempstead Village's Mirschel Park**, where a \$150,000 grant has languished for far too long. You don't need a study to know this park needs help - you just need to open your eyes. The basketball courts are cracked. Weeds are growing through the pavement. The playground is surrounded by rust and rot. And the County's response? Silence.

**That changes now.** As we have done before, we will use every tool provided to us under the Nassau County Charter to unlock these funds for Mirschel Park and ensure that every community receives its fair share of County resources.

Sincerely,

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## Update On Lawsuit To Disband Blakeman's 'Militia'

In February, Legislator Davis and Alternate Deputy Minority Leader Debra Mulé sued County Executive Blakeman to disband his armed militia - one which they argue he formed unlawfully and in secrecy, creates an extreme liability risk for Nassau taxpayers, and is unnecessary due to the matrix of law enforcement and public safety agencies already in service in Nassau, which has been ranked the safest municipality of its size for multiple years running. The County Executive countersued, claiming the Legislators' legal action violates anti-Strategic Lawsuit Against Public Participation (SLAPP) laws. Legislator Davis rejected the allegation and stressed it will not chill his oversight or prevent the Democratic delegation from fulfilling its role as a coequal and independent branch of government.



## Upcoming District 1 Community Events

### National Night Out 2025 Comes to Hempstead

On the evening of **Tuesday, Aug. 5**, National Night Out 2025 is scheduled to return to **Hempstead Village's Denton Green Park!**

Please save the date and watch Legislator Davis' social media platforms for all the latest on an annual tradition that seeks to strengthen bonds and build rapport between communities and law enforcement professionals by bringing everyone together in a fun and welcoming atmosphere.



### Get H.E.L.P. Filing For Your Tax Exemptions

Join us at an upcoming Homeowner Exemption Liaison Program (H.E.L.P.) seminar\*\* for individualized assistance from Department of Assessment staff! Whether you're filing for the first time or renewing, it's an easy and convenient way to submit your application.

**Tuesday 8/19** - Baldwin Public Library, 2385 Grand Avenue, Baldwin 11510

**Thursday, 8/21** - Rockville Centre Library, 221 N. Village Avenue, Rockville Centre 11570

**Wednesday, 10/15** - Kennedy Memorial Park - 335 Greenwich Street, Hempstead 11550

*All workshops noon - 2 p.m. - please arrive no later than 1:30 p.m.*



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