

2018 NEWSLETTER

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Amityville Warriors Win NYS Basketball Championship



Hot off their win at the 2018 New York State Class A Boys Basketball Championship, the Amityville Warriors were recognized at a general meeting of the Suffolk County Legislature where Presiding Officer DuWayne Gregory presented the team with proclamations and congratulated them on their victory.

The Amityville Warriors defeated the Ardsley Panthers 74-54 on March 18 to clinch their fifth state championship, their first since 2003.

U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Pinning Ceremony

Presiding Officer Gregory congratulated U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Chief Petty Officer Nicholas Ruf of Babylon at his USNSCC chiefs' pinning ceremony at the Naval Operational Support Center in Farmingdale. The chiefs' pinning ceremony is a tradition unique to the Navy, which dates back to 1893 and signifies the transition into a new position of leadership and responsibility.

Nicholas Ruf has been member of the U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps (USNSCC), a youth organization supported by the US Navy and the US Coast Guard, since age 11 and has completed several trainings and correspondence courses. There are currently approximately 14,000 cadets nationwide enrolled in the USNSCC and only .4 percent of members earn this prestigious title.



SUFFOLK COUNTY LEGISLATURE



DuWayne Gregory, Presiding Officer

I am pleased to provide you with updates about the services offered and initiatives being implemented in Suffolk County.

Investing in Suffolk's Waterways- With 980 miles of shoreline, Suffolk's recreational boating and fishing is at the heart of the region's tourism. To support our marine industry, I sponsored legislation to form the Suffolk Marine Industry Revitalization Advisory Council, which will advise the legislature on dredging and marine workforce development, ensuring safe navigation of our waterways, and enhancing our marine industry.

Investing in Suffolk's Next Generation- I sponsored legislation to attract and retain Suffolk's young adult population by assisting with student loan debt. A pilot program will be developed to encourage young adults to settle in Suffolk and invest in our communities.

Attracting Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Businesses- Suffolk County is proud to be home to many of our nation's military veterans, and I have sponsored a local law to promote the continuing development of businesses owned by service-disabled veterans, ensuring the opportunity to contract and do business with Suffolk County.

Increasing Suffolk County Government Efficiency- Reducing the cost of government operations requires us to maximize our resources. I recently sponsored legislation to increase DER (distributed energy resource) projects, such as solar panels on county-owned land.

Keeping Our Teens Safe- I joined Sheriff Toulon in promoting "Test, Don't Guess," a program to raise awareness about teen alcohol and drug consumption. Drug and alcohol test kits are available at my Hauppauge and Amityville offices and countywide at all 18 legislators' offices. Provided by the Suffolk County Sheriff, they are free of charge to parents and guardians. For more information, please visit:

<https://suffolkcountysheriffsoffice.com/straight-talk-about-drugs>

Best wishes for a safe and happy summer!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "DuWayne Gregory".

DuWayne Gregory
Presiding Officer
Suffolk County Legislature
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Property Tax Grievance Forums

In an effort to ensure that residents are aware of their right to challenge their property tax assessment, Suffolk County Legislature Presiding Officer DuWayne Gregory recently partnered with the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance to present a pair of informational forums on the property tax grievance process. The forums focused on breaking down the steps by which residents can challenge the assessed value of their homes into an easy-to-understand, manageable process. For more information on property tax grievance, contact the Town of Babylon Assessor's office at 631-957-3014.



DuWayne Wants You To Know



Presiding Officer Gregory Honors Local Outstanding Teachers

In an effort to highlight educators who make a positive impact on their students, colleagues and community, Suffolk County Legislature Presiding Officer DuWayne Gregory recently hosted his fourth annual Teacher Appreciation Awards Night. Educators from the Amityville, Copiague, Half Hollow Hills, North Babylon, West Babylon, and Wyandanch school districts were honored, receiving proclamations and words of praise from Presiding Officer Gregory.

“Suffolk county schools are well known for providing students with an exceptional education, and our quality teachers are the backbone of our school system,” said Presiding Officer Gregory. “Educators are unsung heroes, and it is very important that we take the opportunity to highlight the efforts of the many exceptional teachers who educate our children and make a positive impact on their lives. I applaud the efforts of all of the educators who were recognized.”



Guest Speaker at Crime Victims Center Awards Gala

Presiding Officer Gregory recently served as guest speaker at the Suffolk County Crime Victims Center’s (CVC) Champion Awards and Gala. The Suffolk County CVC is a program of Parents for Megan's Law that provides vital information and multi-agency service referrals for support and assistance to all victims of violent/hate crimes, as well as elderly, minor and disabled victims of property crimes.

Congratulations to 2018 Woman of Distinction, Ellen Ricciuti

Ellen Ricciuti was named the 2018 “Woman of Distinction” for the 15th Legislative District. Ellen is a lifelong resident of Amityville and a retired elementary school teacher. She is a role model for women and girls- a community-minded leader and longtime member of several community organizations, including the Amityville Historical Society and Amityville Woman’s Club. Ellen Ricciuti is highly respected throughout her community, well regarded as someone committed to supporting other women, and is truly worthy of recognition.



DuWayne Gregory, Presiding Officer

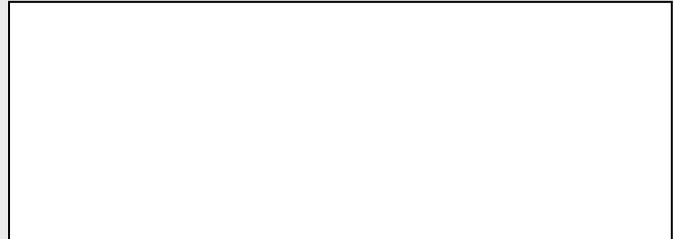
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