

Town collects gifts for 'Toys for Tots'

North Hempstead Town Supervisor Judi Bosworth, Town Clerk Wayne Wink and Town officials were on hand as hundreds of toys were donated by town employees as part of the U.S. Marine Corps Toys for Tots program.

During the Town's employee holiday party on Dec. 18 at Harbor Links in Port Washington, all attendees were asked to bring an unwrapped toy to donate.

Toys for Tots is a program hosted by the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve to provide Christmas gifts for children throughout the United States.

The annual collection drive begins in October and culminates with a distribution campaign in December.

Pictured from left: assistant to the Supervisor Stephanie Ciacchio, Supervisor Judi Bosworth, Town Clerk Wayne Wink and Assistant to the Parks & Recreation Commissioner Mary Mahaffey collect gifts for Toys for Tots at North Hempstead's annual employee holiday party.



PSEG awards grant to LICADD program

The Long Island Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence received a \$2,500 grant from PSEG for the HOPE (Heroin Outreach Prevention & Education) Program.

Funding for the HOPE Program will help to support the ongoing operation of this comprehensive program designed to

educate young people ages 14-18 about the potential health consequences associated with heroin use and provide a bridge to treatment for teens suffering from heroin addiction.

With significant price drops in the street price of heroin on Long Island, increasing numbers of young people are us-

ing the drug. Heroin arrests by the DEA have surged in recent years.

Calls to LICADD's hotlines and requests for services mirror these increasing trends and beyond the sheer rise in numbers of young people and their families seeking heroin addiction treatment services, the rapid progression from snorting to injecting the drug is startling and obviously increases the potential health consequences for users.

"We are so grateful to PSEG for supporting this important program. LICADD will continue to participate in community meetings and network with a variety of youth-serving agencies to promote service coordination, collaboration and innovation" says Executive Director Steve

Chassman.

For more than 58 years, LICADD has successfully delivered evidence-based programs designed to prevent and treat substance abuse and addiction.

LICADD offers crisis intervention, screenings, brief interventions, referrals to treatment and several family education workshops to help Long Islanders struggling with the effects of addiction. Through our Open Arms, EAP Program, LICADD has provided targeted solution-focused support to companies all along the East Coast, serving over 60,000 employees and their families.

For more information please call (516) 747-2606 or visit us on the web at www.licadd.org and Facebook.

Narcan seminars aim to reduce overdoses

To help save lives and combat the heroin epidemic, Nassau County Executive Edward P. Mangano announced a new series of free Overdose Prevention Seminars this week for residents to learn how to administer the lifesaving antidote known as Narcan and reverse the fatal effects of an opiate overdose.

Attendees will also learn about the warning signs of drug addiction, available treatment options, personal stories of recovery, and more.

A 2006 State law allows citizens to administer Narcan in an attempt to save a life, without fear of liability.

Nassau County has already trained more than 2,400 people in Narcan since 2012. At least a dozen trainees have used that knowledge - and Narcan kit - to revive someone overdosing on Heroin or painkillers, and save their lives.

Narcan is administered through a nasal spray, and is provided at no charge to trainees over the age of 18.

Training is provided by the Nassau

County Department of Human Services - Office of Mental Health, Chemical Dependency & Developmental Disabilities Services' Behavioral Health Awareness Campaign.

The following Overdose Prevention Seminars will take place from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.:

- Monday, Jan. 12, Herricks High School Auditorium, 100 Shelter Rock Road, New Hyde Park

- Wednesday, Jan. 28, East Rockaway Fire Department, 13 Grant Ave, East Rockaway

- Wednesday, March 18, Manhasset Public Library, 30 Onderdonk Ave.

No prior medical experience is necessary to participate in the training. All trainees will receive a certificate of completion.

Anyone can attend, but seating is limited. Residents MUST pre-register either by emailing elaikin@nassaucountyny.gov or by calling (516) 571-6105.

Building Dept. to hold evening office hours

The Town of North Hempstead Building Department will be offering evening appointments at the department headquarters on Wednesday nights beginning Jan. 14., Town Supervisor Judi Bosworth announced this week. Appointments begin at 6 p.m..

Residents will have an opportunity to meet with the Town Applicant Advocate and a Clerk will be able to take applications for permits or certificates. The Building Department is located at 176 Plandome Road in Manhasset.

Mobile office hours will continue at various locations in the Town. The Town

Advocate will look up existing permit applications and answer questions. New applications cannot be filed during these times. Upcoming dates and locations are:

- "Yes we Can" Community Center, Tuesday, March 24, 6 - 8 p.m.

- Manhasset Public Library, Monday, March 30, 6 - 8 p.m.

- Port Washington Library, Monday, April 6, 6 - 8 p.m.

- Hillside Public Library, Tuesday, April 14, 6 - 8 p.m.

- Shelter Rock Library, Monday, April 20, 6 - 8 p.m.