

COMMUNITY NEWS

S.T.O.P. collection event last of the year

As this is the last opportunity for this year, Town of North Hempstead Supervisor Judi Bosworth and the Town Board urge residents to clean out their garages, basements, attics and medicine chests, and take advantage of the S.T.O.P. (Stop Throwing Out Pollutants) program scheduled to take place on Sunday, Nov. 2 from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at North Hempstead Beach Park North Lot, located at 175 West Shore Road, Port Washington.

"North Hempstead recognizes the potential threats to the environment caused by the improper disposal of household hazardous products," Bosworth said. "To address these concerns, North Hempstead offers residents this environmentally friendly and convenient way to dispose of hazardous waste."

Residents can return items such as aerosols, household chemicals, pesticides, disinfectants, fertilizers, pharmaceuticals, bulbs, thermostats, rechargeable and lithium batteries,

TV's, and computers. Please bring oil-based paints only. Latex and water-based paints will not be accepted at the S.T.O.P. collection site. Once dried out (usually 24-36 hours after the lid is removed), those paints can be placed in a trash bag and thrown out with your regular household garbage. Oil-based paints, on the other hand, are considered hazardous, and will be accepted at any S.T.O.P. Collection Day program.

The Town of North Hempstead is proud to have been the first town in Nassau County to offer Pharmaceutical Collections, and residents have the opportunity to dispose of their unwanted or unused pharmaceuticals at each S.T.O.P. Event. In 6 years, the Town has diverted over 6 tons of unwanted drugs from landfills and protected our drinking water. In addition to protecting our environment, the program prevents dangerous pharmaceuticals from getting into the wrong hands. By bringing this service to each



Supervisor Judi Bosworth with Town of North Hempstead Solid Waste Management Authority Commissioner Igor Sikiric at a recent S.T.O.P. event.

community, North Hempstead strives to keep its children and environment safe. This service is only open to Town of North Hempstead residents – no doctors' offices.

During the Nov. 2 S.T.O.P. event, North Hempstead residents can also safely shred and dispose of personal documents, thereby minimizing the oppor-

tunity for identity theft, while at the same time making an invaluable contribution to the protection of the environment. Residents are invited to shred any personal paper documents and credit cards free of charge. Any commercial business documents including home offices will not be accepted. Residents are reminded there is a limit of

6 boxes (Bankers Box-sized) or bags of paper per car, per event. Once the documents are shredded, they will be placed into containers and sent directly to pulping mills across the country. Every 2,000 pounds of paper the Town recycles equates to one tree saved.

The Town of North Hempstead is proud to once again partner with Big Brothers Big Sisters to have a truck at the Nov. 2 S.T.O.P. event. Big Brothers Big Sisters will be accepting gently used and working clothes, stuffed animals, electronics, toys, sporting equipment, shoes, books, small area rugs, bikes, scooters, luggage, picture frames, table lamps, bolts of fabric, silverware, glassware, dishes, and cosmetics. Each resident will receive a receipt for their donation for income tax purposes.

For more information on the S.T.O.P. program, please call 311, e-mail recycle@north-hempsteadny.gov or download the free mobile app, "My North Hempstead."

Annual tree lighting at Planting Fields Dec. 12

The New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation is pleased to announce the 10th Annual Holiday Tree Lighting ceremony at Planting Fields Arboretum State Historic Park in Oyster Bay.

The tree lighting will take place on Friday, Dec. 12. Arboretum gates will open at 5:30 p.m. and the tree lighting will take place at 6 p.m. As in previous years, we will light the magnificent 35-foot Japanese Umbrella Pine, which is located on the south side of the Camellia Greenhouse. Visit with Santa at the Hay Barn until 7:30 p.m.

The event will feature special guests Santa Claus and madrigal singers. Guests will have the opportunity to

view the fabulous holiday decorations and the first floor of Coe Hall from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.. In addition, guests will be able to view the spectacular poinsettia display featuring hundreds of poinsettias of various forms and seven varieties in the Main Greenhouse. Don't forget to visit Periwinkles Café in the Visitor Center and enjoy egg nog, hot chocolate and cider, gingerbread men and other assorted holiday sweets.

Don't miss this unique opportunity to see Planting Fields in all its winter splendor. Both the grounds and the building will be open until 8 p.m. Admission is free. For more information, please call Planting Fields Arboretum State Historic Park at (516) 922-9200 or (516)

922-8678 or visit our website at www.plantingfields.org.

Directions: Planting Fields Arboretum State Historic Park is located in Oyster Bay and can be reached via the Long Island Expressway, Exit 41 North (route 106) to Route 25A west, and then follow signs to the park.

The New York State Parks system includes 180 state parks, 35 state historic sites, 29 golf courses, and more than 100 beaches and pools. The agency received the 2003-2004 National Gold Medal State Park Award for best state park system in the country for excellence in park and recreation administration and outstanding service to patrons. Visit the web site www.nysparks.com for more information.

Model Train show slated for Nov. 15

Nassau County Executive Edward P. Mangano and Trainville Hobby Depot will host their 5th Annual Model Train Show on Saturday, Nov. 15 and Sunday, Nov. 16 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Bethpage Senior Community Center, located at 103 Grumman Road West in Bethpage.

The Model Train Show includes an information table for future Model Train and Hobby Events. Proceeds from the event will be donated to the Nassau County Empire State Games for the Physically Challenged.

Residents are invited to help support these young athletes, while enjoying exhibitors and Train Clubs such as: Trainville Hobby Depot, Long Island HOTrack, Long Island Traction O Gauge Trolleys, TMB Model Railroad Club, MTA LIRR Police and more.

Admission to the Train Show is a suggested donation of \$5 for adults and \$3 for children from 4-11 years of age. Additional donations accepted.

For further Train Show information please call Trainville Hobby Depot at: (516) 433-4444, or visit their website at: www.trainville.com.

County offers vets free golf, shooting

Nassau County Executive Edward P. Mangano this week announced that in recognition of Veterans Day, the Nassau County Rifle and Pistol Range will be offering free admission for veterans and active military on Tuesday, Nov. 11 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; the last sign in for the day will be at 3:30 p.m. Proof of service is required. Refreshments will be served.

The Nassau County Rifle and Pistol Range is the only such facility open to the public in the County. There are six ranges and 30 individual shooting points available and targets can be set from 5 yards to 30 yards.

The range received an extensive renovation over the summer of 2005 that included lead removal from the ranges and the addition of a new

roof and additional parking.

The Nassau County Rifle and Pistol Range is located at the Mitchell Field Athletic Complex in the "Hub" area in Uniondale, just west of the Nassau Coliseum. Operating hours are as follows: Monday – Friday: 8 a.m. – 10 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday: 9 a.m. – 8 p.m. Last booking is one hour prior to closing. For more information please call: (516) 572-0420

Mangano also announced he will honor veterans and active duty military personnel for their service to our nation with a free round of golf at Eisenhower Park's 18-hole Blue Course and the 9-hole courses at Cantiague Park, Christopher Morley Park, Bay Park, and North Woodmere Park, on Veterans Day, Tuesday, Nov. 11.

The PGA Tour Superstore is partnering with Nassau County and providing veterans and active duty military with coupons, coffee and doughnuts.

To qualify for this Veterans Day offer, golfers must present proof of Nassau County residency and either military identification or discharge papers, or a Nassau County Veterans Leisure Passport. This program involves walk-up games only (no reservations). Golf cart fees will be discounted for veterans and active duty military with a Nassau County leisure pass.

For more information about the Nassau County Parks, Recreation and Museums Department, please call: (516) 572-0200 or visit the website at: www.nassaucountyny.gov/parks.