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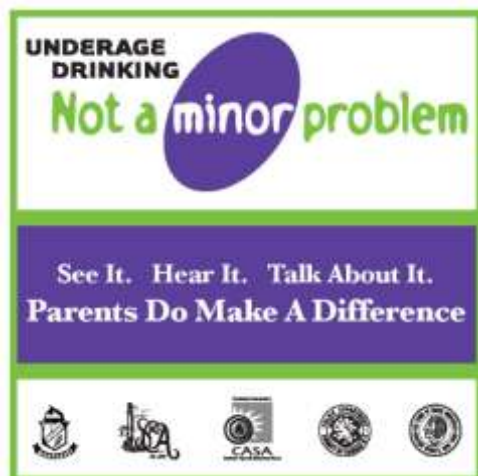


Manhasset CASA Town Hall Meeting Underage Drinking Not a minor problem!

Manhasset CASA invites the community to attend its Town Hall Meeting: *Underage Drinking Not a minor problem* on Wednesday, April 6, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. in the Black Box Theatre at Manhasset High School. CASA will present the student results of the 2011 Bach Harrison Prevention Needs Assessment Student and Parent Surveys and seek participation from the community for an open dialogue about the problem.

The Town Hall Meeting will feature parents, students, law enforcement and local experts who will provide candid and informational dialogue about the state of underage drinking in the Manhasset Community. The evening will also serve as CASA's kick-off of its Spring Underage Drinking Prevention Campaign *Underage Drinking Not a Minor Problem* which seeks to educate parents and the community of the dangers, risk and legal consequences of underage drinking. "The prevalence of underage drinking in Manhasset is a community problem and we hope this town hall meeting can be the catalyst for constructive dialogue about how we may work together to reduce its practice," stated Cathy Samuels, Project Director, Manhasset CASA. Campaign supporters include Manhasset Public Schools, Manhasset SCA, Nassau County Police, the Town of North Hempstead as well as CASA's Sector Representatives.

In January 2011, the Bach Harrison Prevention Needs Assessment Survey was administered to Manhasset parents and students in grades 6, 8, 10 and 12. The survey results continue to indicate that Manhasset youth are above the national norm when it comes to alcohol use and binge drinking. For more information regarding Manhasset CASA go to www.manhassetcasa.org or call 516-267-7548.



Manhasset CASA Spring Campaign Logo encourages communication about the dangers and consequences of underage drinking.