

Town Hosts Kids Safety Day

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Town of North Hempstead Supervisor Judi Bosworth and Councilwoman Anna Kaplan hosted the eighth annual Kids Safety Day at Mary Jane Davies Green on Wednesday, Sept. 16. The event was created to educate and bring attention to child safety through live demonstrations and special presentations, but this year drew fewer participants than in past years.

Tables were set up throughout the park with featured activities and educational topics for children. These included aquatic safety, pet safety, traffic safety and environmental safety. The Manhasset Coalition Against Substance Abuse (CASA) provided information and drawstring bags for the participants, as well as useful information for parents. Sue Auriemma from Kidsandcars.org along with City Sports hosted tables. All presenters gave away goodies, and the T-shirts, bags and assorted fun items were gathered up by excited children. Each participant was given a green form which they had to complete by visiting each station and listening to the presentation. Once they completed the tour, they received a sticker. It was like a treasure map. Yummy, delicious crumb cake was provided by Buttercooky Bakery for all to enjoy while touring the event.

Councilwoman Anna Kaplan, who cohosted the event, said, "Kid's Safety Day is always a wonderful opportunity to inform our children about vital safety matters, while also having a great time. The support we receive from our local fire departments and community organizations enables us to provide some important information that helps to keep our children safe."

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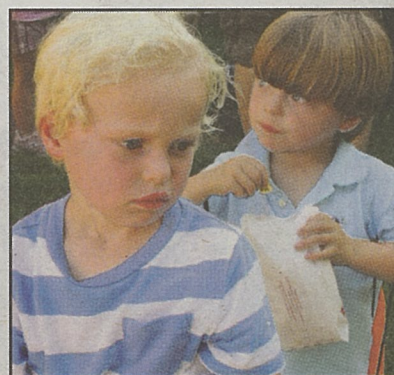




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The Manhasset-Lakeville Fire Department provided education on fire safety. The smokehouse simulator gave the children a real hands-on experience of what to do in the event of a fire. The smoke billowed out of the trailer and created a bit of fog on Plandome Road. Typically, a fire truck is on-site for the event, but this year it was noticeably absent.

The Town of North Hempstead's Department of Community Services was on hand to engage the children in arts and crafts projects. Elected officials including Town Supervisor Judi Bosworth, Councilwoman Kaplan, Councilwoman Dina De Georgio, Councilwoman Lee Seeman, Town Clerk Wayne Wink and Councilman Peter Zuckerman were also on hand to greet the Safety Day participants.



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