

THURSDAY'S THOUGHTS

From Suffolk County Legislator

William R. Spencer, M.D.



GREETINGS 18TH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT RESIDENTS!

– Greenlawn – Centerport – Northport – Asharoken – Eaton's Neck – Huntington – Halesite –
– Huntington Bay – Huntington Station – Lloyd Harbor – Cold Spring Harbor – East Northport –

Northport Senior Christian Ranieri Honored At Suffolk County Legislature



Dear Neighbor,

It was a joy to recognize and honor a brave young man on Tuesday before the Suffolk County Legislature. Christian Ranieri, a senior at Northport High School, has courageously worked to raise awareness and educate the public about Autism Spectrum Disorder and other learning disabilities. His mission has been to help those living with autism to succeed.

His work has been widely recognized and in January he was presented with a "Gold" recognition from the White House and on March 8th he received the 2017 National PTA Outstanding Youth Advocate of the Year Award.

Christian is a champion; I am proud of his accomplishments and am excited for his future and the positive impact he will have on this cause.

~Legislator "Doc" Spencer

Legislator Spencer's Community Listening Tour

Thursday, May 4th from 7:00- 8:30pm
At the Harborfields Public Library
31 Broadway, Greenlawn, NY 11740

****Share your concerns with your County Representative*Participate in
community discussion*Find solutions to pressing problems****

Brett's Bicycle Recycling Safety Event



Saturday, May 20th from 11:00am – 2:00pm

In the Tri-CYA Parking lot

809 New York Avenue, Huntington Station, NY 11746

Bicycles, skateboards and helmets have been collected throughout the Huntington Community as part of an initiative in memory of Brett Rainey. Children and teens will be gathering at the Tri-CYA to receive refurbished bicycle gear and to raise awareness about the importance of bicycle riding safety and equipment safety. FREE safety items and informational materials will be given away to all attending. In addition, there will be a bicycle obstacle training course, bicycle tire repair demonstrations and a Hands Only CPR demonstration by the Huntington Community First Aid Squad. Cupcakes, music, food and local vendors will be on site, and there is an opportunity to win one of three very cool bicycles!

Legislator Spencer Joins Nassau County as they Introduce Tobacco 21 Bill Mirroring Suffolk's Bill



Legislator Spencer speaks along with public health advocates and leaders in Nassau in support of Tobacco 21 Legislation.

I was proud to join Nassau County last week as they announced the introduction of their bill to increase the age to purchase tobacco products from 19 to 21. As an elected official and physician in Suffolk County who sponsored this same law in 2014, I am encouraged that Nassau County is joining their neighbors to the east and the west and establishing a unified law across our region.

Increasing the tobacco purchasing age is about preventing addiction and saving lives! Facts show that ninety percent of adult smokers became addicted before they were 18 and ninety percent of cigarettes purchased for them were done so by those between the ages of 18 and 20 years old. When youth are not introduced to tobacco products by the age of 21, they are twenty times less likely to smoke during their lifetime and exponentially less likely to do so as they age thereafter.

I commend Legislator Drucker for putting this legislation forward. It is my hope for the residents of Nassau County that the bill receives the needed support from the legislature.

Centerport Affordable Housing Lottery Opportunity

The Town of Huntington Community Development Agency will be accepting applications for entry into a lottery to purchase one affordable townhouse unit in Centerport beginning May 1st. The affordable unit is within the newly-constructed Hilltop Homes development on Centershore Road.

The sales price for the two-bedroom, one and one-half bath unit is \$212,375. The maximum income to be eligible for the unit is \$59,450 for an individual; \$67,950 for two persons; and \$84,950 for a family of four. 351-2881. Only one lottery entry form per family is allowed. The lottery is scheduled for 5 p.m. June 13 at Town Hall.

Further information and the necessary forms can be downloaded, including the Program Guidelines, Information Sheet and Lottery Entry Form by [clicking here](#). Information can also be obtained by calling 631-631-351-2881.

****Deadline for submitting applications is May 31, 2017****

Suffolk County Department of Labor Presents

WHEN:
Thursday
May 18, 2017
10:00am - 1:00pm

WHERE:
One-Stop
Employment Center
725 Veterans
Memorial Highway
Hauppauge, NY 11788

HOW TO PARTICIPATE:
Dress for an Onsite
Interview and bring
copies of your resume.

NO REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED!

Recruiters from these
Healthcare Companies will
be in attendance:

Brookhaven Hospital, Northwell Health, St. Catherine's Hospital, Our Lady of Consolation Nursing & Rehab Center, CVS Health, Gurwin Homecare, The Bristol Assisted Living, Developmental Disabilities Institute, National Recruiting Group, Options for Community Living, Long Island State Veterans Home, ACLD, STAT Health, Eden II Programs, and many more!

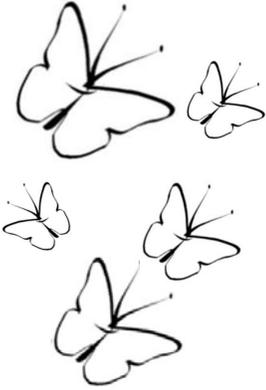


Looking for a career in healthcare?

Join us for our 5th Annual
HEALTHCARE JOB FAIR!



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April is National Donate Life Month

In the spirit of National Donate Life Month, I would like to encourage all residents to consider registering as an organ, eye, and tissue donor. Currently, there are more than 120,000 people in the United States waiting for a lifesaving donation, and sadly, 18 people die each day waiting for a transplant. You can be someone's missing piece by making the generous and worthwhile decision to be an organ donor.

For more information about organ donation, or to register, visit <http://www.liveonny.org/>.

Facts to know about Donation

- *1 organ donor can save up to 8 lives. The same donor can also save or improve the lives of up to 50 people by donating tissues and eyes.*
 - *29, 532 people received organ transplants in 2014, and last year, the United States exceeded 30,000 annual organ transplants for the first time.*
 - *On average, 79 people receive organs each day.*
 - *27% of New Yorkers age 18+ have enrolled in the New York State Donate Life Registry as organ, tissue and eye donors. Nationwide, the average is 50%.*
 - *Every ten minutes, someone is added to the national transplant waiting list.*
 - *The butterfly, a symbol of change, new life and hope, is often associated with donation.*
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Christian Siems of Greenlawn Celebrates 2 Year Anniversary of Receiving Lifesaving Heart Transplant



Christian and his family join Presiding Officer Gregory and Legislator Spencer in presenting a proclamation to LiveOnNY in honor of Nick, Christian's donor.

Quote of the Week...



Sincerely,

William R. Spencer, M.D.

**Suffolk County Legislator
18th Legislative District**

Feel free to stop by my office or contact me by e-mail, william.spencer@suffolkcountyny.gov, or by phone at (631)854-4500. Like receiving Thursday's Thought? Be sure to tell your friends about it!

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