



# 2009 Community Newsletter



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- Tea Party and Protests;
- Home Foreclosure Prevention Seminar;
- 2009 Women of Distinction ceremony;
- The Veterans' Benefit Information Day;
- Annual Marine and Outdoor Recreation Expo; and
- Operation Recognition.

Dear Neighbor,

The pictures tell the story throughout this newsletter. Always know I consider it a privilege to serve you in the Assembly. In the NYS Assembly, we have much work to do to make our state affordable again to attract businesses and jobs and stop pushing up already unaffordable taxes. I hope you will support my efforts to pass legislation like the Property Taxpayers' Protection Act so that we can keep Long Island affordable for our families and future generations.

Sincerely,  
Assemblyman Joseph Saladino





Assemblyman Saladino speaks to crowd at Jones Beach rally demanding that the state keep and improve access to our beaches and waterfronts for all New Yorkers. Pictured left to right are Assemblyman Saladino, Senator Kemp Hannon, Gordon Canary representing Senator Owen Johnson and Senator Chuck Fuschillo.

## Tea Parties and Protests!

Fed up with sky-high taxes and fees? Assemblyman Saladino understands. He joined forces with citizens and fellow elected officials to ensure that Tea Party protestors were heard. Tea parties have gained momentum across the country as a way to fight the out-of-control state and federal spending sprees. Saladino votes for you in Albany against tax and fee increases and understands that cutting aid to schools and municipalities results in higher property taxes. As your voice, he has said 'NO' to using Long Island as an ATM for Albany.



Senator Chuck Fuschillo, Assemblyman Saladino and Senator Kemp Hannon at Jones Beach rally fighting for an end to cutting Long Island services to the highest taxed region in the state.

## Fighting For Lower Taxes



Assemblyman Saladino protested with Long Islanders at various Tea Party Tax rallies to send a message to Albany.



Assemblyman Saladino listens to concerned constituents like you and asks for support in repealing the higher taxes and fees passed by the governor. Saladino voted 'NO' to these higher taxes, fees and cuts to our services.



# Helping Homeowners

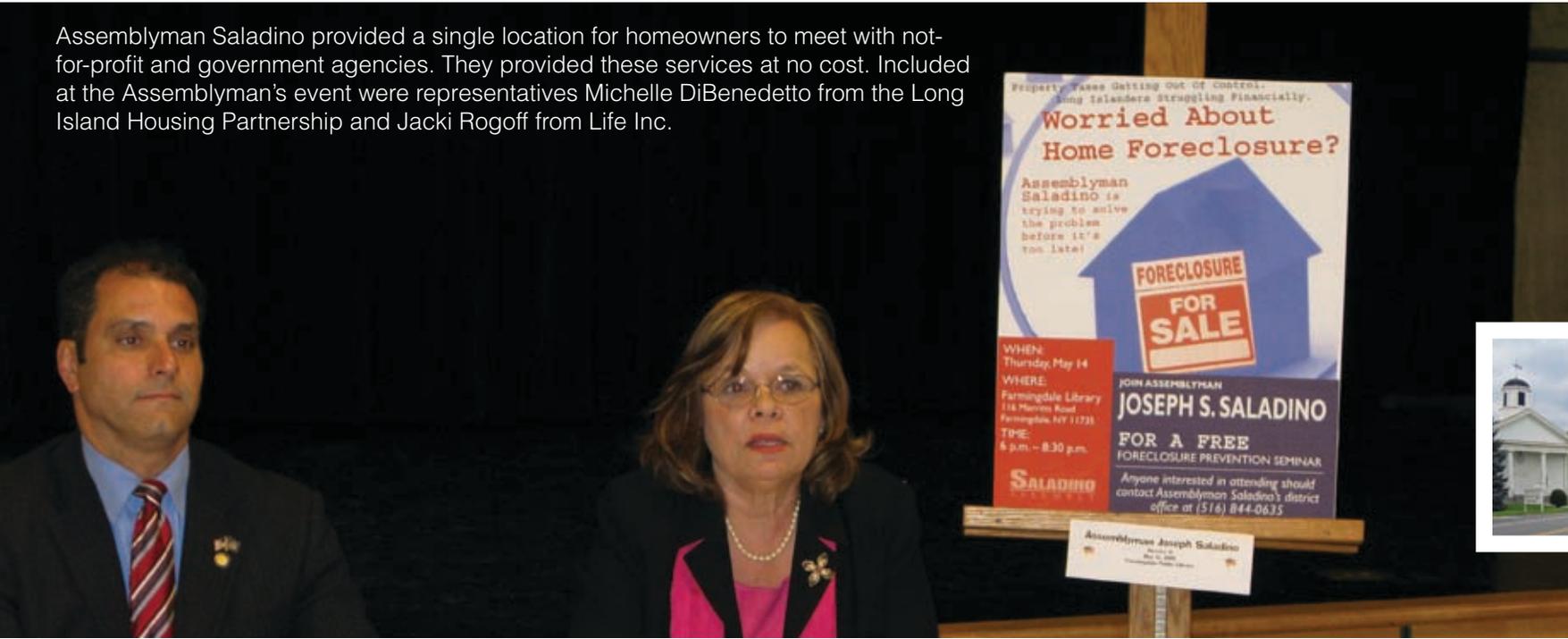


## Home Foreclosure Prevention Seminar

This event provided free information and strategies for residents struggling with high property taxes and foreclosure. The seminar provided a single location for homeowners to meet with not-for-profit and government agencies providing assistance and guidance to homeowners who need help.



Assemblyman Saladino provided a single location for homeowners to meet with not-for-profit and government agencies. They provided these services at no cost. Included at the Assemblyman's event were representatives Michelle DiBenedetto from the Long Island Housing Partnership and Jacki Rogoff from Life Inc.



Property Taxes Getting out of Control.  
Long Islanders Struggling Financially.

### Worried About Home Foreclosure?

Assemblyman Saladino is trying to solve the problem before it's too late!



**JOHN ASSEMBLYMAN  
JOSEPH S. SALADINO**

**FOR A FREE FORECLOSURE PREVENTION SEMINAR**

Anyone interested in attending should contact Assemblyman Saladino's district office at (516) 844-0635

**WHEN:** Thursday, May 14  
**WHERE:** Farmingdale Library  
116 Merrick Road  
Farmingdale, NY 11735  
**TIME:** 6 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

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# Spotlighting Women's Achievements

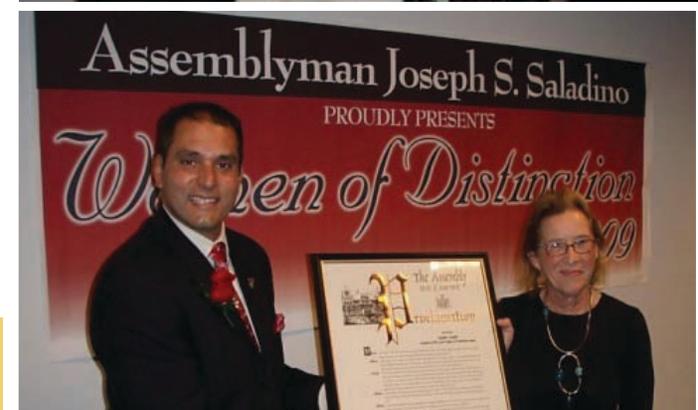
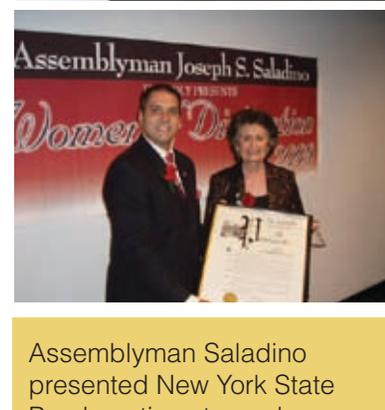


Assemblyman Saladino (left) and Town of Oyster Bay Councilman Joe Pinto (right) present a state proclamation to the Village of Massapequa Park Trustee Teresa Spinosa (center).

## 2009 Women of Distinction

Assemblyman Joseph S. Saladino is proud to have hosted the second annual Women of Distinction 2009 event at the Farmingdale Library. This ceremony recognized the accomplishments of some of the outstanding women who make our community a better place to live and work. This year's recipients were Tamara Baker, Patricia Baranello, Josephine DeLucia, Carol Dunn, Naomi Drucker, Jean Geiger, Patricia Orzano, Theresa Spinosa, and Catherine Walker. These women are not only outstanding in their specific fields but are role models for young women to emulate.

# 2009 Women of Distinction Awards Event



Assemblyman Saladino presented New York State Proclamations to each recipient that was recognized at this year's Women of Distinction event.

Assemblyman Saladino honors Naomi Drucker, one of the world's leading classical clarinet musicians and mother of Lee Rocker, of the famous Rock Group, the "Stray Cats."

# Honoring Our Veterans



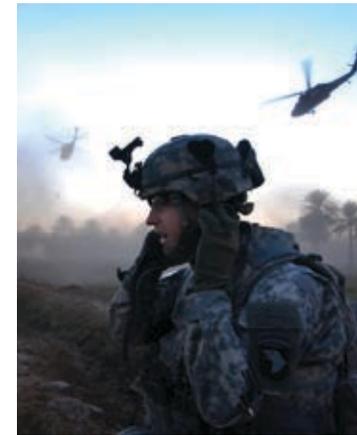
In photo (left to right): Connie Steers, Cherie Steers, Assemblyman Joseph Saladino, Joe Ingino, Larry Altenburg and Bob Chiappone



In photo (left to right): Bob Chiappone, Connie Steers, Kevin Carpenter, Pat Yngstrom, Assemblyman Joseph Saladino, James W. Merritte, Cherie Steers, Joe Ingino, Larry Altenburg and Tony Sparaco

## Assemblyman Saladino's Veterans' Benefit Information Day!

Assemblyman Joseph S. Saladino hosted his annual Veterans' Benefits Information Day event at the Westfield Sunrise Mall in Massapequa, NY on Saturday, March 14, 2009. Several organizations including the Northport VA Hospital, the Nassau County Veterans Service Agency and representatives from both the Nassau and Babylon Readjustment Counseling Centers, all of whom assist newly returning and long-time veterans, were in attendance at the event. It was held in conjunction with the Nassau County Chapter of Vietnam Veterans of America.





# Annual Marine and Outdoor Recreation Expo!

In September, Assemblyman Saladino hosted his annual Marine and Outdoor Recreation Expo. This year's Expo, sponsored by RE/MAX among others, was free to the public and attracted more than 2,500 Long Island residents who enjoyed the educational marine exhibits, including the opportunity to learn about marine science, solar and renewable energy and environmental protection as well as enjoy a day on the beach with fun activities and games. This event is designed to introduce children, families and enthusiasts of all ages to fishing, marine education and outdoor recreational activities.



Assemblyman Joseph Saladino assisted in the creation of the largest fish shaped cake in NY State at the annual Marine and Outdoor Recreation Expo. Mike "The Baker" Benes and the staff of Merritt Bakery donate a giant cake each year and create it on site with the help Assemblyman Saladino to the amazement of the attending families. Merritt Bakery of Farmingdale specializes in custom cakes to meet the needs of corporations, or any family celebration. Shown from left is Danielle Boyce, Susan McParland, Mike "The Baker" Benes and Assemblyman Joseph Saladino.



On the beach near the free kayak adventure are (left to right): Bradley, Mia, Denise and Gary Baldinger, Assemblyman Joseph Saladino, Courtney, Addison, Sandra, Lauren and Tim Taylor.



# 2009 Marine and Outdoor Recreation Expo



Dr. Hazem Tawfik, Director of the Institute for Research and Technology Transfer at Farmingdale State University, shows Assemblyman Saladino a model solar building that was developed by engineering and technology students at SUNY Farmingdale. They also continue to be on the cutting edge of developing vehicles which run on hydrogen power.



Each year Mike Arrone of Aquarium Creations collects live salt water creatures for the touch tanks and aquariums. Here, Girl Scouts and other children enjoy handling starfish and other crustaceans in the touch tanks.



The afternoon's headline musical group was "The Trees." The rock group plays original music and has been volunteer musicians at each and every Marine Expo.

# 2009 Marine and Outdoor Recreation Expo



Magician, John Le Pree, shows kids a magic trick at the Expo. In the background you can see the solar powered house presented by Go Solar and the solar equipment offered by Built Well Solar. These were among the many renewable energy displays educating and encouraging the public to explore the financial and environmental benefits available today.



The Jones Beach Power Squadron members volunteered their time to teach the public boating safety, provide a means of signing up for boating license and safety courses and encouraged boating enthusiasts to join their organization. They also taught knot tying and the importance of wearing a life jacket when on or near the water.



Assemblyman Saladino holds a CPR appliance and a first aid kit with members of the American Red Cross.

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Members of Stop Polluting Littering And Save Harbors (SPLASH) informed the public of their clean up efforts in the marine environment on Long Island Waters. They encouraged families and individuals to sign up for projects which reduce litter and protect animals such as turtles, fish and water fowl.



SUNY Farmingdale Science Department brought a hydrogen powered vehicle which they developed and built in their state-of-the-art laboratory which specializes in teaching engineering students new developments in renewable and green energy for a cleaner future.



The Wantagh Fire Department was on hand with their emergency response vessel equipped with surface rescue equipment and underwater rescue scuba equipment. The vessel was acquired through a state grant provided through the efforts of NY State Senator Charles Fuschillo. Senator Fuschillo has been a leading advocate assisting fire departments and emergency responders on Long Island.

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Adrienne Esposito of Citizens Campaign for the Environment encouraged the public to reuse grocery bags in an effort to break the habit of throwing away thousands of plastic bags which clog our environment. Assemblyman Saladino displays a horseshoe crab which is one of many animals affected by pollutants in our waters.



Members of The Kiwanis Club of the Massapequas were on hand to volunteer. John Lepree (left) provided spell-binding magic shows while Bill Mosely of BBA Photography photographed the event including many of the pictures seen in this portion of Assemblyman Saladino's web site.



Crazy Freddy's Motor Sports, Sunrise Highway Massapequa displayed a jet boat and a personal watercraft. Assemblyman Saladino encourages the public to get involved in boating and to take basic boating safety and personal watercraft safety license courses.

# 2009 Marine and Outdoor Recreation Expo



The Rockin' 45's is a local band who performed hits of the 50's through the 90's at the Expo.



Creative metal sculptures and custom creations are some of the many displays showcased at the Marine Expo.



Ron Gilardi of the Department of Environmental Conservation introduced families to fish and marine animals and displayed seashells turtle shells in this interactive exhibit. The DEC also provided an opportunity to hold and examine live starfish and other creatures in the touch tank.

# 2009 Marine and Outdoor Recreation Expo



State Farm Insurance was one of the main sponsors of the event. Here, Melissa Laughlin, 2nd from right, is seen with her staff, who enjoyed the day giving away water and goodies to the crowd of over 2,500 residents.



The Long Island Parrot Society delighted children with their colorful and friendly creatures. The crowd learned about bird ownership and care. Children were amazed how well these exotic birds "spoke."



Ron Gilardi of the DEC, his assistant, and Assemblyman Saladino show children seining nets used to collect specimens for research. The attendees had an opportunity to try seining with the DEC and learned about the animals that live in the estuaries of the Great South Bay.



Joseph Saladino, an avid animal lover, shares the gentleness of these large parrots. In the background, note the dunes which are an important part of the barrier islands protection of the mainland. The trees, shrubs and beach grasses help to keep these dunes intact during storms and act to build the dunes capturing wind blown sand.

OPERATION RECOGNITION  
"COMING SOON!"