

allow engineers into the structurally unsound residence after the homeowner wouldn't give inspectors permission to enter the home, Egan said.

— DEON J. HAMPTON

OLD BETHPAGE Voter registration drive targets disabled

Family Residences and Essential Enterprises (FREE) will participate July 13 in a national effort to make the "disability vote" more influential.

Nassau County Legis. Judith Jacobs (D-Woodbury), and Lisa Scott, President of the Suffolk County League of Women's Voters, are scheduled to speak at FREE to individuals with special needs about the importance of voting.

This effort, known as the REV UP Campaign, has designated July 11 to 15 as National Disability Voter Registration Week in advance of the November election. REV UP stands for Register! Educate! Vote! Use your Power!

Today's 11 a.m. event will be at the Multipurpose Room at FREE, 191 Bethpage Sweet Hollow Road.

FREE, founded in 1977, benefits and supports more than 4,000 individuals with intellectual/developmental disabilities, mental illness and traumatic brain injury.

— SID CASSESE

LONG BEACH Film screenings examine storm prep

The New York Sea Grant program is hosting two screenings in Long Beach tomorrow of a documentary examining why people did not evacuate during superstorm Sandy and how disaster preparers can get residents to better heed storm warnings.

The 23-minute Coastal Storm Awareness documentary will be shown at 2 and 7:30 p.m. at the Long Beach Library, 111 West Park Avenue.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration granted \$1.8 million to Sea Grant programs in New York, New Jersey and Connecticut after Sandy to conduct 10 social science research projects about the reaction to Sandy evacuation orders and how to improve the public's response to warnings about storm hazards.

The research showed that mandatory evacuation orders

were most effective and that under voluntary evacuation notices the response was low. It also found that people were less likely to evacuate if they were elderly, disabled or had pets, according to a trailer for the documentary.

The first screening will be followed by a question and answer session with Hofstra University researchers Christa Farmer, Elizabeth Ploran and Mary Anne Trasciatti.

The evening screening will feature a discussion panel introduced by New York Sea Grant director Bill Wise. The panel will include representatives from Columbia and Yale universities, the National Hurricane Center, the Center for Independence of the Disabled, the Long Beach Latino Civic Association, and Nassau County Emergency Management.

The event is free and open to the public.

The trailer can be watched at www.nyseagrant.org/csap.

— EMILY DOOLEY

SUFFOLK COUNTY Opioid overdose recognition training

Training classes to help people recognize and combat drug overdoses will be held this month throughout Suffolk County, starting tomorrow in West Babylon.

The West Babylon class is sponsored by Legis. Kevin McCaffrey (R-Lindenhurst), the West Babylon Fire Department, the Suffolk County Police Department, Lindenhurst Community Cares, and the West Babylon Main Street Organization.

The training is designed to

help participants to recognize an opioid overdose and learn how to administer Narcan, which can reverse potentially fatal effects of an overdose.

The free class is at 6 p.m. at the West Babylon Fire Department, 126 Arnold Ave.

Suffolk County health officials are sponsoring additional training in Hauppauge on Monday and in Ronkonkoma on July 27. Participants will receive a certificate of completion and an emergency resuscitation kit that includes Narcan.

The Hauppauge class will take place at 6 p.m. Monday at the Suffolk County Department of Health Services, Office of Health Education, 725 Veterans Highway, Bldg. C-928.

To register, email wanda.ortiz@suffolkcountyny.gov or call 631-853-4017

The Ronkonkoma training will take place on July 27 at 6:30 p.m. at the Ronkonkoma Fire Department, 177 Portion Rd. To register go to <https://www.nysenate.gov/senators/thomas-d-croci> or call 631-360-3356.

— DENISE M. BONILLA

SHOREHAM Alessi named director at Tesla center

Former Assemb. Marc Alessi has been named executive director of the Tesla Science Center at Warden-clyffe, in Shoreham.

Alessi, a Shoreham resident, will oversee development and construction at the museum, which honors inventor Nikola Tesla, who operated a laboratory in Shoreham about a century ago.

The appointment of Alessi, an attorney, was announced

Sunday during ceremonies marking the 160th anniversary of Tesla's birth.

"We are pleased that Marc is bringing his business experience and public service record to Tesla Science Center as it embarks on a new period of rapid growth," Tesla board president Jane Alcorn said in a statement.

Alessi, a Democrat, represented Long Island's 1st Assembly District from 2005 to 2010, when he was narrowly defeated by Republican Daniel Losquadro, who is now Brookhaven Town highway superintendent.

— CARL MACGOWAN

BAY SHORE Course to help those at risk for diabetes

The Suffolk County Department of Health Services is offering a free course for residents who may be at risk for developing type-2 diabetes.

The National Diabetes Prevention Program will teach participants moderate behavior changes, as studies have shown that successful participants were able to reduce their risk for developing the disease by as much as 58 percent. Participants 60 and older can especially benefit from the course.

"We seek to reverse in Suffolk County the nationwide trend toward increased rates of diabetes. This program addresses the behaviors that contribute to diabetes, a disease that exacts enormous costs to the individual, the family and the community," said Suffolk County Executive Steve Bellone in a release.

"Diabetes puts people at risk for many serious health conditions," said Health Services Commissioner Dr. James Tomarken. "The good news is that moderate changes in lifestyle can result in significant health benefits."

The program meets for one hour per week for 16 weeks, then monthly for the remainder of one year.

The next session starts 6 p.m. Monday July 18 and continues each Monday after through November 7, with no classes on Labor Day. The classes will be held at the Long Island Help & Wellness Center at 32 Park Avenue in Bay Shore. For more information or to register, call 631-853-2928.

— SOPHIA CHANG

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I cover the Town of North Hempstead with my colleague Scott Eidler. Follow me for stories about government, politics, technology, schools and businesses. My task is to capture the stories and characters that define the town and its hamlets and villages, such as Great Neck, Port Washington, Roslyn, Westbury, Old Westbury, Munsey Park, New Cassel and Manorhaven. Share your story, or suggest tips and story ideas.

Coming up

Look for me at tomorrow's meeting of the Roslyn Harbor Board of Trustees at 7 p.m. at Village Hall.

Find community stories at newsday.com/towns

SPRINGS Finello to leave post as schools chief

John "Jay" Finello, who last year became permanent superintendent of the Springs school district, is leaving the post for personal reasons and family obligations, he said yesterday.

Finello, 65, was named interim superintendent in 2013 and was made the permanent chief last year. His annual salary was \$215,000.

His contract runs through 2018, but he said he plans to leave the district in December.

The announcement of Finello's departure was made public last week at a Springs school board meeting. A permanent replacement has not been named. The district has about 740 students in kindergarten through eighth grade.

"It has been a pleasure to serve the students, the Board of Education, the faculty and staff and community," he said.

— JOIE TYRRELL



A couple walks past a large photograph of scientist and inventor Nikola Tesla yesterday following the monument dedication.