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# HELP PROTECT OUR LOVED ONES, HELP REPEAL THE SEAL

Nothing is more important than the safety and well-being of our loved ones and children. But a new law contained in the state budget and recently signed by the Governor could place them and our community in harm’s way. This dangerous new law allows thousands of convicted drug criminals to have their conviction records sealed, preventing potential employers-like day care centers, schools and nursing homes-from gaining full access to their criminal past. Under this law crimes like drug dealing, burglary, auto theft and grand larceny would be sealed forever.

To ensure our children and loved ones are protected from any harm, Senator Padavan is sponsoring legislation (S.5684) to repeal this extreme and dangerous new law. You can help protect our loved ones and help “repeal the seal” by emailing your support to [padavan@senate.state.ny.us](mailto:padavan@senate.state.ny.us).

## PADAVAN HONORED BY AMERICAN LEGION



Earlier this year, Senator Frank Padavan was honored by the American Legion for his outstanding service to American veterans. Over the years, Senator Padavan, a retired colonel and 30-year veteran of the United States Army Corp of Engineers, has been honored by numerous veterans’ organizations for his work in the State Senate on veteran and community issues. Senator Padavan is presented with an award from the American Legion by Dennis J. Durbin, of Brooklyn.

## NO-COST MAMMOGRAPHY SCREENINGS SET FOR NOVEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup>

The American-Italian Cancer Foundation will once again be partnering with Senator Padavan to provide no-cost mammography screenings on Saturday November 14th.

The screenings will take place on the Foundation’s fully contained mobile mammography van which will be located outside of Padavan’s Bellerose District Office. The screen-

ings are available to both insured and uninsured women over the age of 40 that have not had a mammography in the past year. **Appointment space is limited and on a first-come, first-service basis.**

For more information or to book an appointment please call Senator Padavan’s District Office at 718-343-0255.



For up-to-date information on issues impacting our community please visit [padavan.nysenate.gov](http://padavan.nysenate.gov).



## PADAVAN WELCOMES DALAI LAMA TO SENATE



Senator Padavan shares a light moment with the Dalai Lama

On May 6th, 2009 Senator Padavan had the distinct honor to welcome the Dalai Lama to the Senate Chamber during his recent visit to the State Capital. The Dalai Lama is the spiritual leader and head of state for Tibet. He was in Albany during a recent tour of the United States.

## EARTH WEEK CELL PHONE RECYCLING DRIVE A SUCCESS

In recognition of Earth Week, Senator Frank Padavan sponsored an unused cell phone recycling drive. Thanks to countless members of our community, nearly 200 phones and accessories were collected at Padavan's Bellerose District Office. All items were donated to Verizon Wireless' Hopeline Program which donates them to local domestic violence programs for use as a safe means of communication for domestic violence victims.

**Senator Padavan will once again be partnering with the Hopeline Program by sponsoring another cell phone recycling program in October.**

## 2009 WOMAN OF DISTINCTION



Janet Malone is Senator Padavan's recipient of the 2009 Woman of Distinction Award. The award recognizes the achievement and contributions of women throughout our state who have distinguished themselves as leaders in the community. Malone, a longtime resident of Bayside has an extensive record of excellence in small business and civic service in Northeast Queens.

For 22 years she was the President and Owner of Airite Deodorizing Company. Currently, Malone is the President of the East Flushing Civic Association and an active member of 109th Police Pct. Council and Community Board #7.

## PADAVAN SPONSORS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS WORKSHOP



On May 30th, Senator Frank Padavan and the Community Prevention Alternatives For Families in Crisis presented a domestic violence awareness workshop at the Poppenhusen Institute in College Point. The "Stop the Violence—See Something, Say Something" program focuses and increase awareness of domestic violence in our community and includes domestic violence assessments and safety plans. **Senator Padavan with the participants and members of the Community Prevention Alternatives for Families in Crisis during their domestic violence awareness and prevention workshop**

## NEW STATE RX DRUG PROGRAM HELPS PROVIDE RELIEF

The New York State Prescription Drug Saver Program allows individuals and married couples between the ages of 50 and 64 to receive substantial discounts on their prescription drugs. All potential enrollees in the program are subjected to similar income eligibility requirements under the EPIC program (up to \$30,000 for an individual and up to \$50,000 a couple).

For more information and to find an application for this program please visit [www.nyprescriptionsaver.fhsc.com](http://www.nyprescriptionsaver.fhsc.com) or call 1-800-788-6917.

## HONORING OUR YOUNG COMMUNITY LEADERS



One of Senator Padavan's long-standing traditions is joining local Boy Scout troops for their Court of Honor ceremonies. During each ceremony, Senator Padavan honors each New Eagle Scout with a NYS Senate Medal of Outstanding Achievement and Certificate of Merit in recognition of obtaining the prestigious rank and for leadership and service for the community.

**Clockwise from top left: James Shannon, New Eagle Scout James Shannon Jr., Nancy Shannon, Scoutmaster Jack Baer, Wendy Lam and Sing Chiu Chan—Troop 1; Thomas Young, James Turck, Scoutmaster John Young, Brandon Kubic, Matthew Gazizia, Michael Bow—Troop 589; Scoutmaster Steven Schwartzberg, New Eagle Scout Shane Arguello, A. Estrella Pand-Arguello and Guido Arguello**

## HONORING OUR VETERANS AND FALLEN HEROES



**Above: Senator Padavan, Mayor Bloomberg and Grand Marshal Henry Hine lead the College Point Memorial Day Parade**  
**Right: Senator Padavan salutes our flags and honors Americans who have given the ultimate sacrifice in the defense of our nation at the Whitestone Memorial Day Ceremony**



## FREEDOM SALUTE AT THE WHITESTONE ARMORY



Senator Padavan joined fellow veterans, families and friends in thanking and honoring local soldiers of the 4th Finance Detachment at the Freedom Salute ceremony at the Whitestone Armory. The ceremony recognized two dozen soldiers in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. **Senator Padavan thanks a local soldier from the 4th Finance Detachment during the Freedom Salute at the Whitestone Armory**  
**Senator Padavan thanks Sgt. Karla Rizo from the 4th Finance Detachment during the Freedom Salute**

## PLAY BALL! LITTLE LEAGUE OPENING DAY



**Left: Senator Padavan marches in the College Point Little League Opening Day Parade**

**Right: Senator Padavan tosses a few pitches as members of the College Point Little League look on**



# 2009 TEACHERS OF DISTINCTION



Senator Padavan with the 2009 Teacher of Distinction Honorees

Senator Frank Padavan honored over 40 teachers during his annual Teachers of Distinction Ceremony at the Queens County Farm Museum. The annual event is held during National Teacher Appreciation Week and recognized the exceptional service in the classroom for teachers from throughout Northeast Queens.



## PADAVAN HONORS HERO TEACHERS

During the 2009 Teachers of Distinction Ceremony, Senator Padavan honored three special teachers for their heroic action in saving the life of a fellow teacher on March 19, 2009. Senator Padavan presented David Dane, Laura Buquicchio and Domingo Carrasco with the New York State Liberty Medal which is given to individuals who merit special commendation for their actions on behalf of their fellow New Yorkers and their community.

Senator Padavan presents the NYS Senate Liberty Medal to David Dane, Laura Buquicchio and Domingo Carrasco

# RIBBON CUTTING FOR PS 79 PLAYGROUND

Senator Padavan joined with students, teachers and parents from PS 79 The Francis Lewis School in Whitestone for a ribbon cutting ceremony to mark the opening of their new playground. The celebration featured students from all grade levels leading the crowd in patriotic songs. The new playground was made possible through the Schoolyards to Playgrounds Initiative Plan NYC which is a partnership between the NYC Department of Parks, the Department of Education and the Trust for Public Land.

Senator Padavan congratulates Dr. Marron, Principal of PS 79 following the ribbon cutting



# SENATE PASSES PADAVAN’S NYC SCHOOL GOVERNANCE BILL

Recently, the State Senate passed Senator Padavan’s bill that extends and improves mayoral control of NYC schools. Since 2002, mayoral control has helped increase test scores across the board and fostered a rise in graduation rates. Schools are now safer and have been instilled with much-needed accountability. By any measure, mayoral control has worked and our children’s future are brighter for it.

Following months of debate and discussion the concerns of all stakeholder-educators, teachers, parents, administrators and students-have been addressed in this bill. It contains provisions that improve and enhance parental involvement and transparency at all levels. The roles of the Board of Education, the Community District Education Council and school-based management teams are strengthened in the bill.

“ Throughout the debate over the reauthorization of mayoral control of schools, Senator Frank Padavan has demonstrated strong leadership and steady determination. He is a results-orientated legislator, and recognizes that New York City public schools have made tremendous gains over the past seven years. I thank him for sponsoring this important legislation, for helping assure its passage in the State Senate, and for his support of the extraordinary progress made by our principals, teachers and schoolchildren.”

—NYC Mayor Michael Bloomberg

For a comprehensive break-down of Senator Padavan’s bipartisan school governance bill please visit [padavan.nysenate.gov](http://padavan.nysenate.gov).