



Dear Neighbor:

Summer is finally here, and with the weather getting warmer by the day, there are many outdoor activities we as Long Islanders can enjoy.

Below you will find information on my upcoming events, legislation, and more.

Please read on, and I would love to hear your thoughts. If you have any questions, or concerns, please send me an e-mail: hannon@nysenate.gov.

Sincerely,

KEMP HANNON

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- June 21: [Breast Cancer Screening](#) (Uniondale Library) 9:00 – 12:00 pm

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OTHER EVENTS IN THE COMMUNITY

- June 18: [Volunteer Firefighters & Ambulance Workers Property Tax Reduction Seminar](#) (Cradle of Aviation Museum) 7:00 pm
- June 21: [The Dogs of War Summer of 2018 Kickoff Concert for Our Veterans](#) (Mulcahy's Pub and Concert Hall) 6:00 – 11:00 pm
- June 23: [Homeowners Cleanup & Paper Shredding Program](#) (Solid Waste Disposal Complex, Old Bethpage) 8:30 am – 4:00 pm

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JUNE IS MENINGITIS B AWARENESS MONTH

June marks Meningitis B Awareness Month. Meningococcal disease, more commonly referred to as bacterial meningitis, is an infection caused by the bacterium *Neisseria meningitidis*. Meningococcal disease can cause serious illness such as infection of the lining of the brain and

spinal column, or blood infections. There are different strains of bacterial meningitis, including serogroups A,C,W,Y, and B. However, before 2014, vaccines only existed for serogroups A,C,W, and Y, not serogroup B. According to the CDC, serogroup B accounts for approximately half of all meningococcal cases among persons aged 17-23 years in the U.S. Therefore, it's imperative that students, parents, educators and healthcare providers are made aware of all strains of meningitis and how to protect against all strains. I would like to say a special thank you to Patti Wukovits, [who I recently honored](#), and her efforts to educate the public and health care professionals about meningococcal disease. Ms. Wukovits created the Kimberly Coffey Foundation following the passing of her daughter, Kimberly Coffey, from meningitis B.

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NEW BILL TO PROTECT MINORS FROM HARMFUL ELECTRONIC CIGARETTES

Recently, I introduced legislation to combat the ever-increasing use of electronic cigarettes among minors. This legislation ([S8609](#)) and ([S8610](#)) will curb use among minors through prevention and education, establish sale to minor compliance checks, and eliminate enticing flavors that lure young people. Use of electronic cigarettes among minors has risen exponentially and is unacceptable. Something must be done to stave off the temptation so that we can reduce the number of people who become addicted to nicotine and become regular tobacco users. Eliminating the availability of flavored e-liquids like cotton candy and bubble gum intentionally marketed to attract minors, in addition to expanding current state efforts on prevention and education, and addressing the loophole in enforcement will do just this. Requiring retailers to register as electronic cigarette sellers will ensure that they are adhering to the law and not selling to minors. It is imperative that action is taken at not only the federal level, but the state and local level as well. New York must remain a leader in curbing the use of electronic cigarettes by minors. We must ensure our current laws are being adhered to and more is done to protect minors from what could lead to a lifelong addiction. Discouraging use and availability of cigarettes to minors is crucial.

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AVAILABILITY OF NALOXONE IS CRUCIAL

A recent roundtable discussion highlighted the need for a comprehensive statewide plan to increase access to naloxone as well as educate those suffering from heroin or opioid addiction of the services available to them. Despite laws that have been on the books for years, reports about the inability to access naloxone continue. This drug crisis continues to plague many communities, which is why it is more important than ever that we ensure drug abusers, family and friends have easier access to be able to save loved ones from a tragic accidental overdose. Overdose deaths due to naloxone inaccessibility and cost impediments are unacceptable. Click [here](#) to view the full footage of the roundtable discussion.

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2018 WOMAN OF DISTINCTION



Marcee Rubinstein, my 2018 “Woman of Distinction,” is from East Meadow. The Senate’s ‘Woman of Distinction’ event celebrates women from across the state who contributed significantly to the quality of life of those living within and beyond their communities. For more information on Mrs. Rubinstein’s community service and accomplishments, [please click here](#).

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2018 VETERANS HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE



Joining me is Sylinthia Burges, my 2018 Veterans Hall of Fame inductee. The Senate Veteran’s Hall of Fame was created to honor and recognize outstanding veterans from the Empire State who have distinguished themselves both in military and civilian life. Their meritorious service to our nation deserves the special recognition that only a Hall of Fame can provide, as a fitting

expression of our gratitude and admiration. For more information on Mrs. Burges' service to our nation, [please click here](#).

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HANNON IN THE COMMUNITY



I had a wonderful time attending various Memorial Day parades throughout the Sixth Senate District. On the left, pictured with me are residents at the Garden City Memorial Day parade. On the right, pictured at the Levittown/Island Trees Memorial Day parade, I am with Ed Dombrowski, Post 1711, Past Commander, Frank Marcinek, Commander, Post 1711, Grand Marshall John O'Hara, VFW Post 9592, and Andy Booth, American Legion Post 1711.



My 2018 "Ought to be a Law" contest yielded almost 1,500 entries, with the top submissions honored at a recent ceremony. Pictured above is our grand prize winner John Farrell and his family. The law he proposed was to require that all airplanes carry epi pens.



I recently held my annual Youth Leadership Award ceremony. Open to all juniors and seniors in the Sixth Senate District, the Youth Leadership Award was created to honor outstanding students in four leadership categories: Academic, Arts, Athletic, and Community. Keydrick Segur was a winner in the Athletic category.

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Thank you for taking the time to read my Monthly Newsletter. I hope you found it informative.

If you have a friend who would be interested in receiving this Newsletter or any other essential updates or emergency information, please kindly pass along their e-mail address to me and I will extend them a personal invitation!