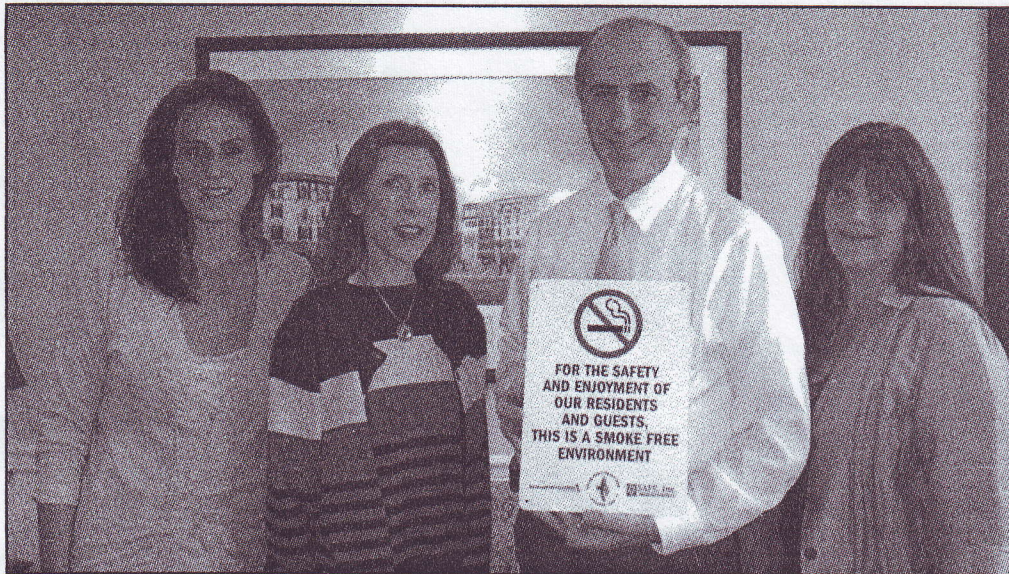


Glen Cove SAFE, Tobacco Action Coalition of LI and City of Glen Cove Announce: Tobacco Restriction Signage Posted at Local Playgrounds



1982 as the only alcohol and substance abuse prevention, intervention and education agency in Glen Cove, and shares many of the same concerns as TAC – most notably, keeping our young people free from the dangers of tobacco use and second-hand smoke.

Over the course of the year, the three entities forged a very successful partnership that culminated in the restrictions that were adopted for the parks. Posting of the signage was the last step in seeing this initiative to completion.

“It was an absolute pleasure to work with Mayor Suzzo, Dr. Harris and Paula Castiglia of SAFE, Inc., and Darcy Belyea the City’s Recreation Director, who all feel passionately about protecting the citizens of their fair City,” stated Mrs. Meschkow. “The Tobacco Action Coalition is most concerned about changing the social norms regarding tobacco use and protecting our next generation from the dangers of Second-hand Smoke, especially children. Their lungs are still maturing and smaller, and subsequently they breathe in 50% more air than an adult, making them more vulnerable to the dangers of tobacco smoke.

SAFE’s mission to keep Glen Cove safe and protect our young people from the negative consequences of alcohol and substance abuse can’t be accomplished in a vacuum. The value of community partnerships is imperative to our work here at SAFE, Inc. and on behalf of the Board of Directors and staff of SAFE we are grateful to have this effective collaboration to accomplish this goal.

On behalf of the City, “we are appreciative of the support that both TAC and SAFE, Inc. have provided in accomplishing this Smoke Free Outdoor Air Initiative, and welcome a continued partnership in keeping our parks clean and safe,” commented Darcy Belyea, Director of the City of Glen Cove Parks & Recreation Department.

For more information about the Tobacco Action Coalition of LI, visit www.breathefreely.org. For more information about SAFE, Inc. visit www.safeglen-cove.org.

The Glen Cove Substance Abuse Free Environment Agency (SAFE, Inc.), the Tobacco Action Coalition of LI (TAC) and the City of Glen Cove, are pleased to announce the posting of signage at Dennis Brian Murray Park’s Playground, Stanco Park’s Playground and Danis Pocket Park communicating the newly established Tobacco Restrictions that were implemented for the

City’s Parks this past summer.

On Tuesday, July 26th, the City joined over 300 Municipalities statewide who have established Tobacco Free Outdoor Policies to protect their residents, employees, and the environment from the dangers of Second-hand Smoke, Cigarette Litter, and helping to change the social norms associated with the acceptability of tobacco use.

The Tobacco Action Coalition (TAC) is one 34 Community Partnerships funded by the NYS Department of Health’s Tobacco Control Program working on the Tobacco Free Outdoor

Initiative. Under this initiative, TAC is working with businesses and community organizations to implement voluntary entryway bans, as well as educating local municipalities about the benefits of adopting tobacco use regulations for outdoor recreational areas such as playgrounds, parks and beaches. In addition to the technical support, TAC provides free signage. Therefore, this was a real win-win for the City and the residents in adopting policy to protect the community at no cost to the taxpayer.

When approached by Ms. Meschkow, Nassau Coordinator for TAC, to discuss the benefits of Tobacco Free Outdoor policies, Mayor Ralph Suzzo and the City Council Members were eager for policy change to enhance the quality of life for their families. In turn, Ms. Meschkow reached out to Dr. Sharon Harris, Executive Director of Glen Cove SAFE, Inc. with their long-standing excellent reputation in the City, to partner in this initiative.

With the mission of eliminating alcohol, tobacco, and substance abuse in Glen Cove, SAFE, Inc. has been successfully serving their community since

NS BOE Meeting on Thursday, 12/15 Sea Cliff Elementary at 8 PM

There will be a North Shore Board of Education Meeting (BOE) on Thursday, December 15, 2011 at Sea Cliff Elementary at 8 PM. On the agenda for this important meeting will be a discussion on the Implementation of the New APPR Provisions. Additionally, there will be a Hearing to Expend Funds from the Repair Reserve Fund.

Upcoming Board of Education meetings will take place on the following dates at the North Shore Middle School Cafe at 8 p.m. (unless noted otherwise): 1/5, 1/19 (BOE Town Meeting/Budget Presentation), 2/2 (GH Elementary), 2/16 (Budget Review) and 3/1 (Budget Review). Please join us for this important North Shore Schools BOE meeting!

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