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Tony Jimenez, SAFE Pride Project Coalition co-chair and Glen Cove City Councilman, is also a volunteer EMS worker in Glen Cove. Assuring Stephanie Villalobos and Lesly Villatero that there was nothing to be afraid of in an ambulance, he showed them how the different medical instruments worked.

Family Awareness Day A Big Hit

Residents gain valuable information and enjoy quality family time

The SAFE, Inc. Family Awareness Day drew a large crowd of Glen Cove parents and children this past Saturday at Morgan Park. SAFE, a not-for-profit drug and alcohol prevention agency continued its mission to provide education to the community by offering literature and pamphlets throughout the day. Family Awareness Day was created to help people become more actively involved in SAFE, Inc. Pride Project Coalition's substance abuse prevention efforts by creating a leisurely atmosphere to encourage parents and children to discuss drugs, tobacco and alcohol.

Nassau County Legislator Delia DeRiggi-Whitton came by and presented SAFE with a citation commending the coalition on their accomplishments. And Mayor Ralph Suozzi and other elected officials stopped by as well to speak to residents.

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"This event is a way for people in the community to know of all of the services and resources available to the kids through SAFE," said Ann Marie Gailius, who has been active in SAFE for many years serving in the past as a co-chair. "SAFE takes its word on the road with events like this."



Children of all ages enjoyed the bouncy



Several people shared the day with SAFE, Inc. staff, volunteers, and residents including Mayor Ralph Suozzi and Legislator Delia DeRiggi-Whitton.

There was another message that SAFE was promoting at Family Awareness Day; that people can enjoy themselves without alcohol or drugs. There were long lines at the bouncy castle, several children went inside an ambulance and spoke to an EMS volunteer and everyone couldn't seem to get enough of the popcorn, snow cones,

and hot dogs. As one little girl performed cartwheels on the lawn over and over again families sat on the lawn enjoying

the picture perfect day.
"I'm a lifelong resident of Glen Cove and after seeing all of the ads for this event I was curious to see what kind of information was available," said Alexan-

dra Martinez, a mother of two children. "This is a very nice event and I'm impressed."

SAFE Inc., is a not-for-profit tax ex-empt substance abuse education and prevention agency located in Glen Cove. Visit www.safeglencove.org or call 676-2008 for further information.



Mayor Suozzi was among the crowd of attendees at the event.



Photo by Jill Nossa



Information about the agency was available throughout the day.

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