

NEWS BRIEF

SAFE promotes a tobacco-free community in G.C.

Over the last decade, SAFE, the Tobacco Action Coalition of Long Island (TAC) and the City of Glen Cove Mayor's office have collaborated to promote a tobacco-free community. The city has adopted new entryway bans at City Hall to protect its visitors and staff and has limited smoking outdoors to a designated area. The city is truly living up to its role as a leader in protecting the public from the harmfulness of smoking as well as its acceptability.

SAFE also spent World No Tobacco Day working with middle school students who are a part of the Glen Cove Youth Bureau's After 3 students program. Through the Life Skills Training program, SAFE's Nicole Giordano helped students create letters to the editor for the local papers stating how they would like to educate the Glen Cove community of the dangers of smoking, particularly New York's ban of flavored e-cigarettes.

Life Skills Training is proven to reduce alcohol, tobacco, drug abuse and violence while supporting the social and emotional development of youth. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention among middle school students current, use of tobacco products has decreased from 7.5 percent in 2011 to 5.6 percent in 2017. It is important to educate youth through prevention education programs to foster and develop healthy decision making.



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DEPUTY MAYOR MAUREEN Basdavanos, far left, joined Géorgie Connett and Sharon Harris of SAFE, and Carol Meschkow of Tobacco Action Coalition of L.I. to install the new sign at Glen Cove City Hall.