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BABYLON TOWN

Advocates for seniors to offer assistance

Suffolk County senior citizens' advocates plan to visit several locations in Babylon Town starting today.

The advocates, from the Suffolk County Office for the Aging, will be on hand to provide information, to help with completion of eligibility or recertification applications and to offer referrals to community agencies. The advocates will meet with those ages 60 and older. Among the issues they can help with are food stamps, Medicare savings programs, Medicaid and Heating Emergency Assistance Program applications.

The advocates' summer visits begin today at the Wyandanch Nutrition Center, 28 Wyandanch Ave. Advocates will be there from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. today, July 29, Aug. 12, Aug. 26, Sept. 9 and Sept. 23.

The rest of the schedule for Babylon Town is as follows: Deer Park Library, 44 Lake Ave., July 22, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.; Lindenhurst Library, 1 Lee Ave., Aug. 22, 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.; North Amityville Nutrition Center, 48-C Cedar Rd., Aug. 2, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Rainbow Center, 293 Buffalo Ave., Lindenhurst, July 6, Aug. 3 and Sept. 7, 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.; Spangle Drive Center, 483 Spangle Dr., North Babylon, Aug. 8 and Sept. 12, 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.; Tanner Park Nutrition Center, 2 Tanner Park, Copiague, July 20, Aug. 17 and Sept. 21, 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.; and the West Babylon Library, 211 Route 109, West Babylon, July 27 and Sept. 28, noon to 2 p.m.

For more information call the Suffolk County Office for the Aging at 631-853-8200.

— DENISE M. BONILLA

ISLANDWIDE

Task force says no vets are homeless

A federal task force charged with eradicating homelessness says all military veterans actively seeking a home on Long Island now have a place to live.

In a letter last month to



A couple enjoys the sunset on the boardwalk overlooking Smithtown Bay in Kings Park.

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Nassau County Executive Edward Mangano and Suffolk County Executive Steve Bellone, Matthew Doherty, executive director of the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness, said the two counties "have effectively ended homelessness among veterans."

Mangano and Bellone will join homeless service providers today at a news conference in Amityville announcing the milestone.

Nassau and Suffolk officials, working with the Long Island Coalition for the Homeless and other nonprofits, have provided homes for nearly 1,000 homeless veterans since 2013, the council said. Those figures include homes built on Long Island by nonprofit groups that receive county, state and federal funds.

Mangano said his administration helped create 60 homes at Mitchel Field in Garden City and rehabilitated five two-bedroom town houses in Hempstead, for veterans, active-duty military and their families.

Last year, the Suffolk County

legislature passed the Housing our Homeless Heroes Act, which transferred abandoned properties seized by the county for unpaid taxes to nonprofit groups to be used to house veterans. Ten homes are being developed under the first phase of this bill.

— ROBERT BRODSKY

CENTRAL ISLIP Superintendent of schools resigns

Craig G. Carr, superintendent of the Central Islip district for almost eight years, has resigned, making the announcement of his immediate departure in a letter to staff.

In a July 6 memorandum, he said he was resigning effective that day "in an agreement with the board."

Norman A. Wagner, the school board's president, said in a statement Monday that trustees accepted Carr's resignation "citing health reasons." Carr could not be reached.

The board appointed Kevin

M. Miller, the district's assistant business superintendent, as interim superintendent, Wagner said in the statement.

The district did not answer questions about the terms of its agreements with Carr or the interim schools chief.

Carr, who became superintendent in 2008, was paid \$241,449 as of the 2014-15 school year, the most recent figures publicly available. He presided over the system as the district's Ralph G. Reed Middle School last year was classified by the state Education Department as "struggling," part of the state's receivership model in monitoring schools with lackluster academic performance.

"Some people say I did a good job, maybe so," Carr wrote in his memo to staff. "But reality is you have done a great job. Without your expertise, devotion to students and dedication to the Central Islip community, the many successes would not have been possible."

— VÍCTOR MANUEL RAMOS

MANORVILLE Game farm to charge 1970s admission

The Long Island Game Farm in Manorville is turning back the clock this weekend to the era of disco, pet rocks and leisure suits.

The wildlife park and children's zoo plans to roll back admission prices tomorrow to the prices it charged in the 1970s, the farm's first decade.

Admission will be \$3.90 for adults and \$1.95 for children. The rain date is Sunday. The zoo is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. both days.

Visitors also will find a station where they can paint their own pet rocks.

The zoo's inhabitants include alligators, alpacas, buffalo, camels, deer, emus, giraffes, kangaroos, kinkajous, llamas, lemurs, ostriches, parrots, peacocks, ponies and zebras.

For information, call 631-878-6644 or visit longislandgamefarm.com.

— CARL MACGOWAN