



# Assemblyman **PHIL RAMOS**

**Community Newsletter & Budget News**

Spring 2015

*Assemblyman Phil Ramos has been working hard for Suffolk County families—both in Albany and in the district. Here's a look at what he's been working on.*

## **Assemblyman Phil Ramos delivers for our schools**

Assemblyman Ramos helped pass a state budget that delivers **\$396 million in state aid to education for the Central Islip, Brentwood, Bay Shore and Islip schools – an increase of \$18.5 million** over last year's budget.

In addition, this year's budget includes an increase in pre-K funding for 3- and 4-year-olds, a full reimbursement to districts for expenses incurred for such things as transportation and BOCES, and 50% of the remaining Gap Elimination Adjustment (GEA).

Assemblyman Ramos has always made our school his number one priority. Securing these additional monies allows our schools to have the resources they need without burdening our taxpayers.



*Assemblyman Ramos meets with the Brentwood Board of Education members in Albany during budget negotiations to discuss the districts needs and priorities. In the final budget, Assemblyman Ramos secured a \$10.5 million increase for the Brentwood School district over last year's budget.*



*Central Islip Superintendent, Craig Carr, was a recent guest on Assemblyman Ramos' television show Assembly Update. The two discussed proper funding for schools so that children can get the quality education they deserve. In the end, Assemblyman Ramos was able to deliver a 5.48% increase in funding for Central Islip schools, which translates to nearly \$5 million dollars above last year.*

## **Ramos: Budget invests in our libraries**

During budget negotiations, Assemblyman Ramos met with the Long Island Library Resource Council during Library Advocacy Day in Albany to discuss more funding for our local libraries.

The governor's budget had proposed funding libraries at 1997 levels. Assemblyman Ramos understands that libraries are an important community resource that must be properly funded. In the end, he supported a state budget that invests in our libraries statewide by including \$20 million in grants, including aid for libraries and \$500 million to expand high-speed broadband access across the state, with priority funding going toward public libraries and educational opportunity centers.



**Do you have a problem, question or concern? Assemblyman Ramos wants to hear from you.**

Please contact our office at 435-3214 or at [ramosp@assembly.state.ny.us](mailto:ramosp@assembly.state.ny.us).  
You can also stop by our office located at 1010 Suffolk Avenue in Brentwood.

## Assemblyman Ramos secures \$1 million for Roberto Clemente Park cleanup



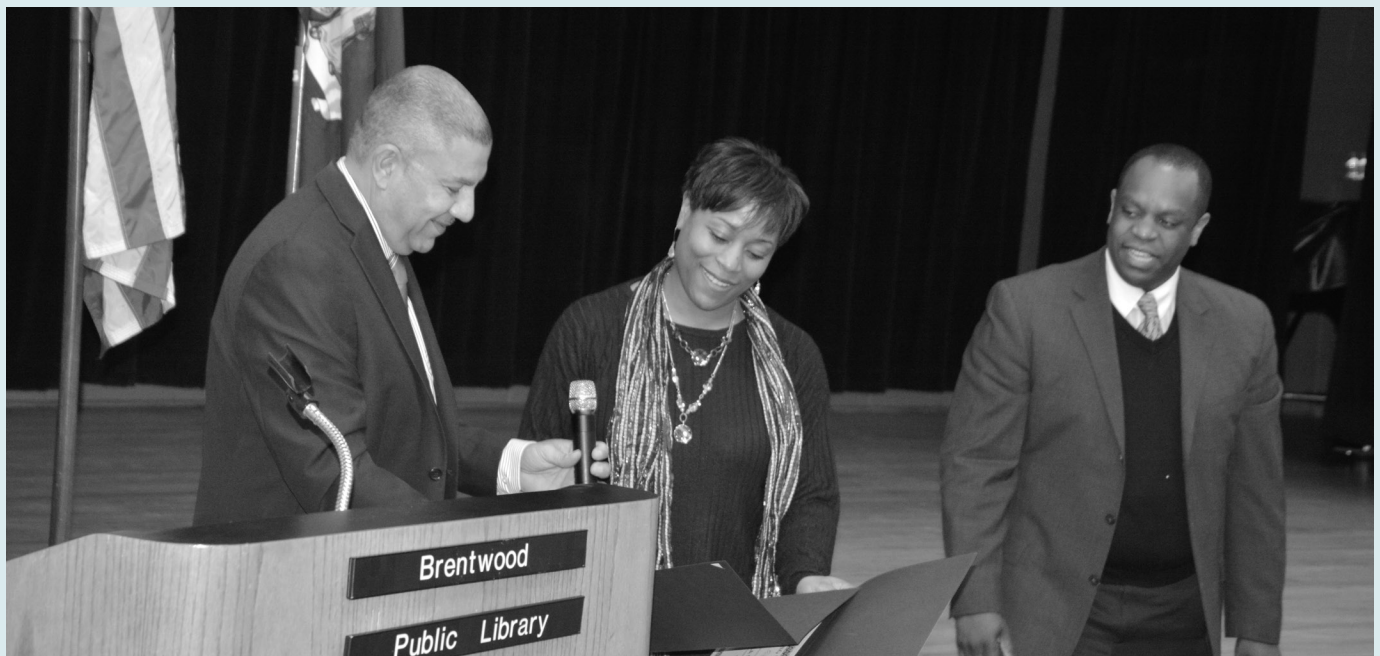
Assemblyman Phil Ramos was outraged last year over the Town of Islip's shameful lack of oversight that allowed for the illegal dumping of contaminated debris at Roberto Clemente Park. It was an atrocious act against our children and families. To make matters worse, the town bonded for \$6 million for the cleanup of the park – leaving the bill to taxpayers to pay.

Assemblyman Ramos supported this year's state budget that includes **\$1 million in cleanup funds for Roberto Clemente Park**. These state funds will go toward the cleanup of the park and help alleviate the bonding bill that town officials have put on the shoulders of taxpayers.



Members of the Lucille Winter Memorial Help Center visit Albany and meet with Assemblyman Ramos to inform him of the center's work, which is to serve the community by supporting individuals and families in need with food, clothing, support groups, family counseling, as well as, parental and financial training.

## In Albany and around the community



Assemblyman Ramos presents Paula Santorelli, Social Studies Department Chair of Brentwood High School, with an award during his 4th Annual Black History Month celebration. Dr. Tracy Hudson, principal of the Charles A. Mulligan Middle School in Central Islip was also one of the evening's award recipients.



Visiting students from Brentwood High School were in Albany to learn about the legislative process. They met with Deputy Majority Leader, Assemblyman Phil Ramos who talked to the students about his job as the assemblyman for the 6th district and educated the students on how to lobby your elected representatives and make their voices heard on matters of importance to them.



Assemblyman Phil Ramos was joined by the Herstory's Writers Workshop and Central Islip Dynamic Dancers at the Brentwood South Middle School to commemorate the outstanding achievements of women at his 4th Annual Women's History Month celebration. Students from Brentwood, Bay Shore and Central Islip schools performed original poetry/spoken word on the struggles and accomplishments of women in their lives during the evening's event.

## In Albany and around the community



Deputy Majority Leader, Assemblyman Phil Ramos kicked-off the 28th Somos El Futuro conference by welcoming seniors from his Long Island district in Suffolk County to a seniors' luncheon in Albany. Ramos recognized the seniors' struggles and accomplishments as the reason why Latinos have so many doors open for us today.



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