Holtsville, NY - Every year in the United States approximately 7,000 pedestrians die and 110,000 more are badly injured in traffic accidents. Most of these deaths and injuries occur among young children, the elderly and young adults (U.S. DOT, National Bicycling & Walking Study). That is why Councilwoman Kepert worked with Congressman Tim Bishop as a civic leader to secure a grant to build "Safety Town" in the Town of Brookhaven.

"There's nothing more important than keeping our kids safe, and this program provides a way to learn traffic and bike safety with hands-on learning experiences in fun and educational ways," said Councilwoman Connie Kepert.

Safety Town, located at the Holtsville Zoo, is a realistic, child-sized town designed to provide a complete hands-on safety education for children. Safety Town includes working traffic signals, miniature buildings and crosswalks. Safety Town gives children a hands-on experience which teaches them how to be safe on our streets. Research has proven that a Safety Town graduate is ten times less likely to be involved in a bicycle accident than a child who has not received training from a Safety Town facility. For more information about Safety Town or to schedule a visit call 631-363-3770.

See photo below.
Councilwoman Connie Kepert and Safety Town Instructors join Scout Troops #636 and #625 at Brookhaven Town's Safety Town, located at the Holtsville Zoo, for a demonstration on bike and traffic safety.