Councilwoman Connie Kepert and Legislator Rob Calarco Attended Community Chat in Gordon Heights
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Councilwoman Kepert and Legislator Rob Calarco speak to the Gordon Heights community at a recent Community Chat held at the Gordon Heights Fire Department headquarters.

Farmington, NY - On Tuesday, March 26, 2013, Councilwoman Connie Kepert and Legislator Rob Calarco held their Community Chat at the Gordon Heights Fire Department.

The Councilwoman was happy to inform the Civic Association about the completion of a replica of the historic Mott House. The Town of Brookhaven began construction of the replica after the original house collapsed during renovations in 2009. The replica was built using several pieces of the original 185-year old house that were able to be salvaged. The house will be used by the Town of Brookhaven Parks Department and the Gordon Heights Chamber of Commerce. The Councilwoman is looking into having the Chamber of Commerce provide services that are currently provided by the Town's Economic Development division, such as essential job skills seminars, job preparation training, and holding local job fairs in order to reduce or eliminate their approximately $402 monthly rent.

Councilwoman Kepert also announced that, pursuant to her request to the town’s Highway Department after receiving several complaints regarding the poor and hazardous conditions of Homestead Drive in Coram, an investigation was done of the road and a "hot box" was sent out to patch all of the potholes. In addition, a work order has been generated for an investigation into the paving of the road when the paving season begins in May.

Some upcoming projects also announced by the Councilwoman are the new scoreboard for the Granny Road Park paid for by Community Development Block Grant Funds, and the Granny Road separated bike lane that will run for 1.25 miles between Route 112 and Mill Road. This is a stretch of road where multiple fatalities have taken place and the proposed bike path will calm the traffic and increase the safety of the road. As part of the project, signs and sharrows, as well as a full barrier between the bike lane and vehicle lane, will be installed.

Councilwoman Kepert spoke about the portions of Coram which became part of District 4 as a result of the 2012 Redistricting process. Every ten years, the Town, County, State, and Nation are required to go through a redistricting process, redrawing district boundary lines based on population changes in the census, the "one man, one vote" principal. A bipartisan commission was formed to redraw the district lines in order to take politics out of the process and ensure that the redistricting will provide for an equal weight in vote for each Council District. Councilwoman Kepert lost a large portion of Farmingville to District 5, but picked up two Election Districts, 243 and 33, in Coram. Councilwoman Kepert also thanked Reverend Jeffery Saunders for representing the town in the committee.
Councilwoman Kepert announced that, as per the redistricting, the Historic Davis House is now located in District 4. The Town of Brookhaven Parks Department has completed the exterior renovations of the Davis House and the Councilwoman will be touring the facility within the next few weeks and working with the Davis House Committee on interior renovations.