Councilwoman Kepert Kicks off 4th Council District Community Chat Tour in Yaphank with Assemblyman Edward Hennessey
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Pictured at the Yaphank Community is Neal Lewis, Executive Director of the Sustainability Institute at Molloy College, Councilwoman Kepert and Assemblyman Hennessey

Farmingville, NY - Councilwoman Connie Kepert has planned a series of community chats throughout her council district (CD4). The series was kicked off last night at the Yaphank Fire House to a group of about 40 community members. Assemblyman Ed Hennessey, who also represents the Yaphank community, joined the Councilwoman. Community chats are a chance for elected leaders to sit and hear from the community and to provide information and gather feedback on upcoming initiatives. One of those initiatives deals with a code change which would protect residents from carbon monoxide poisoning. Therefore, the chat concluded with a presentation on the dangers of carbon monoxide poisoning by Neal Lewis, the Executive Director of the Sustainability Institute at Molloy College.

"Community chats are an opportunity to open up lines of communication between the government and the people it serves. It was a great pleasure to kick off this series of community chats in Yaphank, one of Brookhaven's great historic communities," stated Councilwoman Kepert.

"It was a genuine pleasure to sit down and talk to the Yaphank community with Councilwoman Kepert. Yaphank is such a unique community with deep roots and a clear vision for its future. I look forward to talking further with members of this community and I would like to thank the Yaphank Fire Department for opening its doors to host us," said Assemblyman Hennessey.

Executive Director of the Sustainability Institute at Molloy College, Neal Lewis, who presented on the dangers of carbon monoxide stated, "I want to applaud the Town of Brookhaven for recently passing a local law requiring all buildings, including commercial uses, to be equipped with Carbon Monoxide detectors. There is no logical reason to only require CO detectors in places where people sleep, like homes. All buildings should have CO detectors and they should also include low level digital readouts because CO at low levels that will not trigger the alarm can still make people sick."

The next community chat is scheduled for Tuesday, April 22nd at 7:00 at the Boys & Girls Club of the Bellport. Joining Councilwoman Kepert will be Assemblyman Ed Hennessey, Legislator Kate Browning and Legislator Rob Calarco.