

## Town and Sheriff's Office to Host Alzheimer's Memory Screening Program During Health Fair in Mt. Sinai on November 30

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**Farmingville, NY** – To coincide with National Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month, the Suffolk County Sheriff's Office, the Alzheimer's Foundation of America (AFA) and the Town of Brookhaven have teamed up to offer memory screenings for the general public at a Town Health Fair on November 30th from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Rose Caracappa Senior Citizens Cultural and Wellness Center in Mt. Sinai.

The AFA's National Memory Screening Program is a 10 minute interview conducted by a qualified healthcare professional. While it is not a diagnostic tool, the screening can help detect cognitive impairment up to 18 years prior to a clinical diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease or dementia.

Councilwoman Jane Bonner said, "Early detection of Alzheimer's symptoms is important because people can benefit by the treatments that are available today. I thank the Sheriff's Office for working with the Town to provide this service to residents and I urge our seniors to take advantage of this opportunity."

In addition to the memory screenings, officials from the Suffolk County Sheriff's Office will be available to answer questions about Project Lifesaver, which is a countywide emergency response locator service capable of finding individuals diagnosed with cognitive impairments in the event they wander and become lost.

The Rose Caracappa Senior Citizens Cultural and Wellness Center is located at the intersection of Route 25A and County Road 83 in Mt. Sinai. For more information about the Health Fair, call the Rose Caracappa Senior Center at 631-476-6449. Information about Project Lifesaver is available on the Sheriff's Office's website at [www.suffolksheriff.com](http://www.suffolksheriff.com), or the public may call the Sheriff's Office's Project Lifesaver Bureau at (631) 852-3003.

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