

Councilwoman Cartright Celebrates the Holidays in Port Jefferson Station and Terryville

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Farmingville, NY – On December 3, Councilwoman Valerie M. Cartright attended the Annual North Brookhaven Chamber of Commerce Tree Lighting. Over a hundred people gathered to usher in the holiday season at the chamber's train car located at the corner of Route 112 and Route 347.

Comsewogue School District Superintendent Dr. Joe Rella played the organ for sing-a-longs, while Chamber President Jennifer Dzvonar handed out teddy bears and candy canes to every child that attended. Local character 'Speedy Cow'

of Buttercup's Dairy Store brought homemade cookies, and 'Blazing Bill' brought hot wings from the new Buffalo Wild Wings. Hot chocolate from the Colonial Coffee Company warmed the crowd, and as in years past, Santa arrived for picture-taking with children, courtesy of Awsomotive. The Town of Brookhaven Parks Department provided additional lighting for this event which was promoted by members of the chamber and the Port Jefferson Station/Terryville Civic Association.

On December 13th, Councilwoman Cartright attended the Holiday Festivities at Sunshine Center on Boyle Road. The alternative education facility and prevention center focuses on "brightening the future one family at a time." Several students spoke of their successes and received words of encouragement from speaker Sheila Skolnick, who overcame illiteracy, and from Councilwoman Cartright, who shared her uplifting philosophy about helping others on the path forward. Some families of students received care packages through the school's "Adopt a Family" program, which included gifts for the children.

On December 18, Councilwoman Cartright joined the Cumsewogue Historical Society at their annual Holiday Party at the Terryville Union Hall, which serves as the Historical Society museum and meeting space. Homemade desserts,

hot chocolate and reminiscing on this year's milestone successes made for a warm and welcoming event. "It was heartwarming to kick off the season at the holiday gatherings in this 'can do' community. I am honored to serve these hard working residents and encouraged by the team spirit of the various service organizations, schools, retail and not-for- profits in Port Jefferson Station and Terryville," said Councilwoman Cartright.

On December 20, the Councilwoman dropped off toys at the Toy Drive hosted by Personal Preference Chauffeur and Limousine Services Inc. in conjunction with the Holiday Dreams Program. Holiday Dreams support children during the holidays by providing generous gifts of essentials, clothing and toys for families in need.

The North Brookhaven Chamber of Commerce can be contacted at www.northbrookhavenchamber.org or 631-821-1313, Sunshine Prevention Center at 631-476-3099 or shine1@optonline.net , Cumsewogue Historical Society at 631-928-7622 or cumsewoguehistory@yahoo.com , and Holiday Dream can be found at www.holidaydreamli.org . All can also be found on Facebook.

Top Left Photo: Speedy Cow, Santa and Elf at the North Brookhaven Chamber of Commerce Tree Lighting

Top Right Photo: Councilwoman Cartright speaks at Sunshine Prevention Center Holiday Event

Bottom Left Photo: Councilwoman Cartright (right) at the Cumsewogue Historical Society Holiday Party

Bottom Right Photo: Councilwoman Cartright (center) at the Holiday Dreams Toy Drive

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