On November 8, Councilwoman Valerie M. Cartright, Councilman Kevin LaValle and the Suffolk County Sheriff's Department sponsored a Child and Senior ID Event at the New Village Recreation Center in Centereach. The event provided free Operation Safe Child photo identification cards for children and "In Case of Emergency" Medical Alert ID cards for seniors. The child ID cards feature photographs and fingerprints, vital information that can help law enforcement in case of an emergency.

"Thank you to the officers who made this event possible," said Councilwoman Cartright."These ID cards are an excellent resource and can potentially save lives during the crucial early stages of an emergency. Although we hope that our families never face that situation, it is important to be prepared. I look forward to sponsoring this event again next year."

Councilman LaValle said, "It was a great event bringing both children and seniors in for identification cards. I applaud the Suffolk County Sheriff's Office for working with the Town of Brookhaven in their efforts to make our community a safer one."

Also provided at the event was information for the Yellow Dot Program, a sticker that indicates to first responders that vital medical information is available in your car or home. For more information, please visit http://www.nysheriffs.org/yellowdot.