

# Supervisor Romaine and Highway Superintendent Losquadro Announces State Grants To Fund Child Road Safety Programs

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**Farmingville, NY** - Brookhaven Supervisor Ed Romaine and Superintendent of Highways Dan Losquadro today announced that the Town has received \$14,000 in grants from the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee to fund road safety programs for local children. The grants will be used to promote child passenger safety and bicycle safety at events later this year.

"Nothing is more important than the safety of our children. Thanks to these grants provided by the Governor, we will be able to continue to teach children how to stay safe on the road on their bicycles, and help their parents protect them in their cars in properly installed car seats," said Supervisor Romaine.

"Safety Town plays a big role in teaching our children how to stay safe," said Highway Superintendent Losquadro. "The additional state funding will help the Town to maintain this worthwhile program and continue our child passenger safety program so parents can be confident that their child is always safe and secure."

The Bicycle Rodeo, which will be held three times this year at Holtsville Park's "Safety Town," provides an opportunity for children to become better bicyclists and avoid accidents. Participants of all ages practice and demonstrate their bicycle handling skills in a fun, noncompetitive atmosphere. Bicycle safety skills are demonstrated and discussed, and then each participant practices on their own before being tested on their skills. The Town will also offer a free bicycle safety inspection for all participants. Free bicycle helmets are provided on a first come, first served basis to children who do not have a proper safety helmet.

"Bicycle Rodeos are a great way for children to learn bicycle safety skills, and have fun at the same time," said Supervisor Romaine.

The Child Passenger Safety Program offers parents an opportunity to have the child seats in their car checked by a New York State certified technician, and learn how to properly install car seats for maximum safety. Under the grant, a limited number of free car seats will be available for qualifying low income Brookhaven residents.

"Three out of four car seats in cars on the road are improperly installed. This is a horrifying statistic that puts the lives and safety of thousands of children in our Town at risk," said Supervisor Romaine. "By offering this program, we will help parents protect their children better in the event of a car accident."

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