



**PERSON OF THE YEAR IN GOVERNMENT**

**SUFFOLK COUNTY LEGISLATOR LYNNE NOWICK**

For nine years, Lynne C. Nowick has been our representative on the Suffolk County Legislature. Formerly the Town of Smithtown's Receiver of Taxes, Lynne is a lifelong resident of the Town. Her roots enable her to be acutely aware of the needs and concerns of the residents that she represents. She has been especially active in the preservation of environmentally sensitive properties in the Town and County. Legislator Nowick is a longtime advocate of protecting young people from the dangers of alcohol, tobacco and drug abuse. She co-sponsored a resolution that established the Suffolk County Drug Mapping Index which shows arrests for possession and sale of heroin in Suffolk County and posts the nature of the arrests, age of the offender and date of arrest. Two years ago Legislator Nowick sponsored legislation that was signed into law that bans the sale of cough medicine containing dextromethorphan (DXM) to youngsters under 19 years of age, and last year she passed a law that bans the sale and possession of salvia divinorium in Suffolk County. Lynne has worked closely with Legislator John Kennedy on the issue of the expansion of sewers into Smithtown and Kings Park. She knows how important this expansion is to the vitality of our downtown business districts.

While it's true that Lynne has been a strong advocate for all taxpayers during her tenure, it is for her continued advocacy on behalf of Kings Park that she has been chosen for this year's award. The Chamber is honoring Leg. Nowick as our Person of the Year in Government for her continued strong commitment to Kings Park and its organizations – the Chamber, the civics, and the school district. It is because of her efforts that our community has been the recipient of grants to improve the Bike and Hike Trail; install "Welcome to Kings Park" signs with landscaping; add benches to the community

playground at the library; build a kiosk in Savatt Park; and buy additional American flags for the American Legion. Lynne has been there from the beginning helping the group Kings Park in The Know in their fight against the scourge of illegal drugs. She has insured that the County has helped in education, prevention and law enforcement. She has seen to it that groups of students and/or athletes have been publicly recognized at the County Legislature for outstanding accomplishments. She has fought for us whenever and wherever the need has arisen and we thank her for her support. The Chamber is proud to recognize Suffolk County Legislator Lynne C. Nowick as our 2009 “Person of the Year” in government.