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There was a lot to celebrate at the annual Nassau County Police Activity League's "Get In The Game" Gala this year.

On May 8th, 2019 our organization highlighted the successes and dedication of Trish Bestany, Brian Haffey, Robert Hemberger, Steve Kossover, Cohen Nelson, Tim Nolan, Carl Russo, Debbie Swiezbin and George Torpe, volunteers with at least 10 years of service to their NCPAL Units. A special acknowledgement was given to Executive Board member Arnold Palleschi for his 40 years of volunteer work in the NCPAL. We also honored

NCPD Commissioner Patrick Ryder as our Man of the Year for his ongoing support of the NCPAL and its programs. We would also like to welcome 2 local community residents onto our Executive Board as Honorary Members. Elizabeth Hashagen (Massapequa) and Adam Schefter (Roslyn) both work in the media industry and look forward to helping the NCPAL provide sports and activities to our youth participants.





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NCPAL Lacrosse

The popularity of lacrosse across Nassau County has never been greater than it is today. Recognizing this, the NCPAL has partnered with the Commissioner's Office to spread the word of stopping the drug and opioid use across the County with its "Lax faces Off Against Drugs" program. Funding from the Nassau County Police Department Foundation will help to

get the message and continued awareness out to our communities and our NCPAL families. Partnering with the New York Lizards lacrosse organization with the first "Town Cup" at Hofstra University was the first step in bringing the lacrosse community together for a day of competition, camaraderie and more promotion of this important program.



Thank you to NCPAL - Supporters!

NCPAL would like to thank their top supporters this year, The Louis J. Acompora Memorial Foundation continues to support our AED/CPR training and maintenance of our equipment throughout our 29 Units. This year was our first donation from the Gersh Academy. From their generous equipment donation several communities received new equipment which allowed for the unit not having to purchase this equipment this year saving thousands of dollars.



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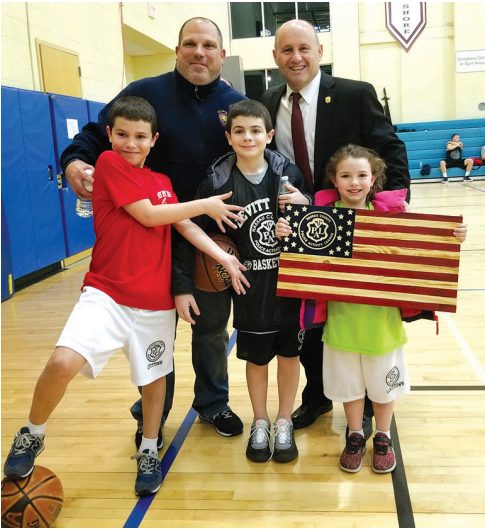


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Nets PAL Clinic



NCPAL Summer Baseball

Our NCPAL Summer County Baseball program has seen a welcomed resurgence this year, due in part to the continued dedication of our coordinators and volunteer coaches. A new partnership with the New York Mets has brought our participants some great fan experiences, such as group seating and a team walk on the outfield track at CitiField. We look forward to continuing our relationship with New York Mets and with the continued success for the baseball program.



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Wantagh-Seafood/NY Knicks

Members of our Wantagh/Seafood PAL basketball program had a once in a lifetime experience to cap off their basketball season. In partnership with the New York Knicks organization, they were able to play on the court of the "World's Most Famous Arena" at Madison

Square Garden. The players were treated to special game day uniforms, court time and the professional team's game afterwards. Bucket list items were surely checked off this day and the NCPAL looks forward to be able to coordinate more experiences for our youth participants at The Garden!



National PAL Conference & Alumni of the Year Award Winner

In May, members of our NCPAL organization attended the 75th Annual National PAL Conference in Los Angeles, California. Our participants engaged with hundreds of other Directors and volunteers from across the country and as far as New Zealand in meetings and breakout sessions, obtaining information to bring back to our Units. This year, NCPAL Police Officer Director Jethro Cardona was honored as the "2019 Alumni of the Year" for the National PAL organization. P.O. Director Cardona started with the NCPAL as a youth participant in 1988 and has served as a volunteer, counselor, staff member and now Police Officer Director. Congratulations and we look forward to next year's Conference.





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Farmingdale PAL Kickline

This spring, the NCPAL Farmingdale Unit's Kickline performed on the field at a Long Island Ducks home game. These girls put on a fabulous pre-game performance and received a thunderous ovation. We would like to thank NCPAL Police Officer Director G. Biggers, Kickline Director Kristin Morrison, Coach Brittany Cappadona, Assistant Coaches Colleen White and Rachel Goldberg for the wonderful job they have done with this program!



New Hyde Park PAL/Virginia Wade tennis

The New Hyde Park PAL has had a very successful in-house tennis program, led by Coach Ed Bertram. Last season, we had the pleasure of having former tennis great Virginia Wade help out at our end of the season awards. Virginia, who is in the Tennis Hall of Fame, is the only female tennis player from Great Britain to win all 4 major tennis events. We thank Ed and Virginia for their help with our tennis program and we look forward to more success in the future.





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North Shore Hockey

While the NCPAL prides itself on being an inclusive option for participants of all abilities, we do have individuals who excel at the sport they are in from the beginning. The highly successful North Shore PAL Roller Hockey program has that in Justin Durka. He joined the program in first grade, progressing to volunteering by fifth grade and then becoming a referee by middle school. Playing roller hockey helped him to also prosper in ice hockey. Justin currently plays both roller and ice hockey for Farmingdale State College, which both teams qualified for Nationals in 2019. Justin believes that the North Shore PAL Roller Hockey program played an important role in his development as a hockey player and is grateful for the opportunity it has provided him!



Wrestling takes down drugs

In its continued efforts to combat the drug and opioid epidemic affecting Nassau County, Commissioner Ryder has implemented the "NCPD Takes Down Drugs" initiative. In February, the Nassau County Police Department, Nassau County Police Department Foundation and Nassau Community College hosted the "Wrestling Take Down Drugs" event. The event honored the 2018-19 Nassau County High School Wrestling Champions, included clinics for the participants, as well as provided lectures on the dangers of drug and opioid use. Lead by former UFC World Champion and Baldwin native Chris Weidman, the event was a huge success and we hope to partner with it again in the future.





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Massapequa PAL Grand Opening

The Massapequa PAL Unit has undergone a complete renovation at its sports complex. The facility now boasts a full sized deck hockey rink, to complement the regulation basketball court and newly turfed baseball field. We thank the DekSuperstars organization for their very generous donation of the hockey rink, as well as the hard work of the NCPAL organization for making the project and the complex a place for our youth participants to enjoy for years to come.



NCPAL CELEBRATES 80 YEARS

Attend this year's Gala on

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 2020

at the Floral Terrace

250 Jericho Turnpike, Floral Park, NY 11001

Come celebrate with the PAL family. Are you a lifetime supporter or wanting to find out how you can help support PAL and the youth of Nassau County?

Simply attend our Gala.

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ABOUT NCPAL

In 1940, under the direction of Nassau County's first Police Commissioner Abraham Skidmore, the Nassau County Police Boys Club was formed. Since that time there have been several changes including changing the name of the organization in 1987 to the Nassau County Police Activity League (NCPAL). While the name may have changed, the mission of the organization remains the same today as it was back in 1940. Our mission is to prevent juvenile delinquency and aid in development of good citizenship through positive interaction of youths and police officers.

The NCPAL is a tax-exempt, not-for-profit organization that is operated by an executive board, a board of trustees, and with the tireless help of hundreds of volunteers. Presently there are twenty-nine (29) units, which cover over forty (40) different communities. The Nassau County Police Department provides officers to oversee these units and to interact with the youths of these communities. Activities that are offered include sports, crafts, educational, and other programs. These activities vary from unit to unit and are based on the local community's needs and interests

MISSION STATEMENT

To operate youth clubs and provide sports, crafts, educational and other programs of a team and individual nature for all boys and girls in Nassau County, N.Y. regardless of race, religion, income or disability. The intent of the activities is to prevent juvenile delinquency, steer children clear from gang activity and to aid in the positive interaction of Police Officers and Youth.

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