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## Cleats for Feets

ISLIP TOWN—Supervisor Angie M. Carpenter and fellow Town Board member John Cochrane Jr. were recently joined by representatives of the Bay Shore High School Athletics Department, Bay Shore students, the nonprofit organization Challenger Athletics, Inc., and Islip-based company Anti3 Protect Series, to announce the official launch of the first annual Cleats for Feets Donation Drive. This campaign will enable residents to drop off used athletic cleats at donation sites. Those sites are: Councilman Cochrane's office at Islip Town Hall, 655 Main Street; the main lobby of the Town Hall Annex, 401 Main Street; and at Bay Shore High School and also the middle school. All donated cleats will first be cleaned and disinfected before being donated to any child in need in Bay Shore schools.

## Islip weathers recent storm

*Supervisor Carpenter declares State of Emergency*

By RICK CHALIFOUX

ISLIP TOWN—During her first week as the Town of Islip's new supervisor, Angie Carpenter was forced to declare a State of Emergency during a storm that dropped over a half-foot of snow across the town on Thursday, March 6. While spring now seems to be on its way, Carpenter took some time to recount the town's experience dealing with the last throes of a cold, wet winter that consistently delivered plenty of snowfall across Islip's 1,200 miles of roadways.

Shortly after her swearing-in ceremony wrapped up in the early afternoon on Sunday, March 1, Carpenter was briefed at the town's Emergency Operations Center at Town Hall West in light of a potential snowstorm. By Thursday, she took emergency action and was forced to cancel a Planning Board meeting along

with some town facilities. Overall, Carpenter – who had prior experience dealing with emergency weather conditions while representing portions of Fire Island as a county legislator – said that she was pleased with the system Islip has in place.

"I was very impressed with how prepared we are in the Town of Islip in many respects," said Carpenter. "Our guys are ready to go on a moment's notice, and do a lot in anticipation of storms to make things easier and ensure our efforts are most effective."

This year, the town added a new fleet of 10 Ford F-250s to its 150 pieces of equipment to help plow some of the more problematic hilly sections and narrow roads throughout the area. If a storm warranted it, the town also has another 250 at its disposal through private contractors.

"It was a tough winter because we had a lot more

ice than in years past, which means more salt and sand," said Carpenter. "But we've been very good at anticipating our needs and making sure that we have the supplies on hand for salting and sanding. Our employees have been very diligent in that respect, and I applaud our people for those efforts."

Looking ahead, Carpenter said she wants to establish a direct line of communication with school districts during snow events. In fact, she recently sent a letter to all local superintendents notifying them to add the town to its call list whenever they make the decision to close schools for the day.

"How we prioritize our plowing and sanding is conditioned on what's happening with schools," said Carpenter. "If they're closing, then it's not as urgent, and it helps us to be able to know right away." ■

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