



# E-NEWSLETTER

*Working Together to prevent substance misuse and promote healthy families*

Welcome to Massapequa Takes Action Coalition's e-newsletter designed to connect parents and residents to MTAC's initiatives, programs and news! Please join our coalition, visit our website or like us on Facebook to learn more about how to be a part of the solution to prevent substance misuse!



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# MASSAPEQUA TAKES ACTION COALITION'S DRUG TAKE BACK DAY

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28TH, 2023  
9:30 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.**

**Massapequa High School  
4925 Merrick Road / Massapequa, NY 11758  
East Driveway - District Office Parking Lot**



Unable to attend?  
Drop off unused or  
expired pills at any  
time to:

Nassau County  
Police Department  
7th Precinct  
3636 Merrick Road,  
Seaford, NY 11783

**Scan the  
QR code to  
learn more!**



**Turn in your unused or expired medication  
for safe disposal**

- Keep medications in original containers
- Block out name for anonymity
- Do not cross out medication information
- No thermometers, IV Bags, or Chemo Drugs
- No liquids, syringes, and sharps

# MTAC's HALLOWEEN safety Tips

## 1. CHECK THE CANDY FOR TAMPERING:

*When in doubt, throw it out*

## 2. REMEMBER THE SOCIAL HOST LAW

*Take action to prevent underage drinking and substance use*

## 3. MODEL POSITIVE BEHAVIOR

*Limit your own consumption while partaking in Trick-or-treating*



# Sign up for Partnering in Action Change for Tomorrow's (PACT) free e-TIPS training course!

RESPONSIBLE BEVERAGE SERVER/SELLER TRAINING

## Get Certified in e-Tips!

e-Tips training is a **FREE ONLINE**, self-paced, innovative approach to safe alcohol serving and seller training.



### REGISTER NOW!

ADDITIONAL TRAINING OPTIONS INCLUDE:  
IN-PERSON AND LIVE VIRTUAL  
CALL: 516-799-3203, X 127  
EMAIL: [KCOLETTA@YESCCC.ORG](mailto:KCOLETTA@YESCCC.ORG)  
[WWW.PACTYES.ORG/TIPS/](http://WWW.PACTYES.ORG/TIPS/)



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REDUCE YOUR  
LIABILITY,  
PROMOTE A  
SAFER  
COMMUNITY



**FREE E-TIPS  
AVAILABLE FOR:**

**EMPLOYEES OF LIQUOR  
STORES, GAS  
STATIONS, AND  
CONVENIENCE STORES**

**BARTENDERS AND  
WAITSTAFF**

**TO BE ELIGIBLE YOU  
NEED TO WORK IN  
NASSAU COUNTY**

**\*To be eligible you must work in Nassau County.**



# October is National Substance Use Prevention Month

October is a time to highlight the vital role of substance abuse prevention in communities, to remember those who have lost their lives to substance abuse, to acknowledge those in recovery, as well as their loved ones supporting them. Studies show that the earlier an individual starts using substances, the greater the likelihood of developing addiction. 9 out of 10 people who abuse or are addicted to nicotine, alcohol or other drugs began using these substances before they were 18. People who began using addictive substances before age 15 are nearly 7 times more likely to develop a substance problem than those who delay first use until age 21 or older. Every year that substance use is delayed during the period of adolescent brain development the risk of addiction and substance abuse decreases significantly.



# WHAT CAN YOU DO TO GET INVOLVED?

TAKE ONE OF  
OUR MANY  
NARCAN  
TRAININGS

TALK WITH YOUR  
KIDS REGULARLY  
ABOUT THE  
DANGERS OF  
SUBSTANCE USE

ENCOURAGE  
YOUTH TO JOIN  
MTAC'S YOUTH  
COMMITTEE

JOIN  
COMMUNITY  
ORGANIZATIONS  
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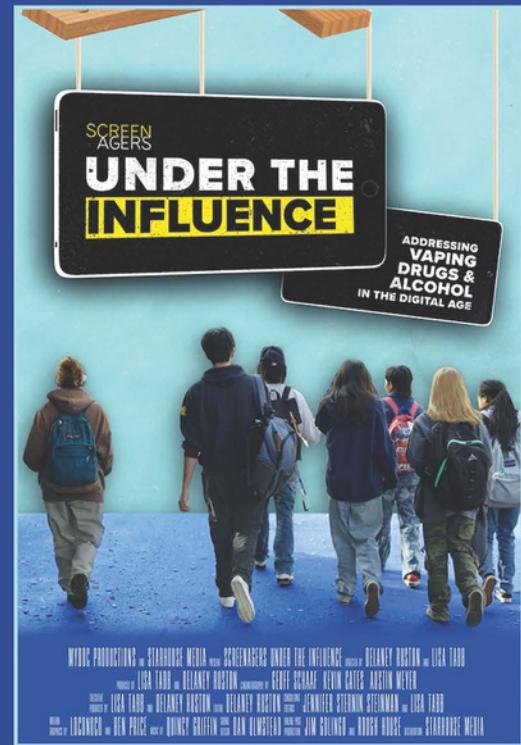
# Red Ribbon Week Event

## Don't miss a **FREE** showing at Seaford Cinemas

Massapequa, Levittown and surrounding community partners are honored to present the remarkable documentary film '**Screenagers Under the Influence**' at a **FREE showing at Seaford Cinemas on October 23rd**.

Ideal for parents and youth to attend together, this thought-provoking film debunks myths and depicts strategies that parents and schools can use to encourage healthy decision-making, support teen mental health, set limits and create healthy home environments.

Following the screening, community partners will host a brief discussion about the film's content with a call to action to help keep our communities safe.



**Join Us!**  
Monday, October 23rd  
Doors open at 5:45pm,  
showing begins at 6:00pm  
Seaford Cinemas  
3951 Merrick Rd, Seaford, NY

**This documentary is a FREE showing, and the first 20 registrants will receive a coupon for FREE popcorn and soda.**



**Register today at:**  
[www.surveymonkey.com/r/screenersmovie](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/screenersmovie)

And don't forget to bring friends, family and colleagues!

For questions, contact Brooke Langella at  
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# POSITIVE YOUTH ALTERNATIVES

Massapequa Public Library has a lot in store for Massapequas' teens (grades 6-12) providing a variety of youth programming!

Questions? Please email  
[mplteens@massapequalibrary.org](mailto:mplteens@massapequalibrary.org)

**VISIT  
THE WEBSITE**

FOR A FULL LIST OF UPCOMING  
TEEN PROGRAMS!

[massapequalibrary.org](http://massapequalibrary.org)

*A few Upcoming  
EVENTS*

**10/16**

Teen cooking  
class

**10/18**

Teen book  
club

**10/25**

Spooky  
sushi craft

**10/27**

Teen  
Halloween  
Party

# YOUTH NEEDED!

MTAC IS CALLING ALL YOUTH ACTIVISTS  
GRADES 7-12 WHO WANT TO MAKE A CHANGE  
IN THE COMMUNITY!

## OUR MISSION...

The mission of  
Massapequa Takes  
Action Coalition (MTAC)  
is to prevent and reduce  
youth substance misuse  
and to promote a healthy  
Massapequa.

## DO YOU WANT TO...

Have your voice be heard?  
Raise awareness on  
substance misuse issues?  
Help create positive change?  
Participate in team building?

## ***JOIN US!***

**SIGN-UP WITH THE QR CODE TO  
RECEIVE FURTHER INFORMATION!**

[HTTPS://WWW.SURVEYMONKEY.COM/R/MTACYOUTHMEETINGS](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MTACYOUTHMEETINGS)



## **QUESTIONS?**

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**MTAC will be conducting a Community Mapping/Environmental Scan for the Massapequa community. This is where we identify "hotspots" (red dot) and "safe spots" (green dot). Below you will find a link and QR Code, and instructions**

**For this mapping session we will be using Padlet.com to virtually map, or pin "Safe Spaces" and "Hot Spots" in Massapequa. We are asking you, as a community member, to begin working with this community mapping tool which will allow us to conduct an environmental scan to help make these areas safer for our youth**

**Padlet Instructions:**



1. Click on the below link to open the Padlet map of Massapequa or use QR code with your mobile device.

<https://padlet.com/mtacoalition/massapequa-community-mapping-fpbk4wauz3fenmp9>



2. Start pinning\* locations:

A. Click on the Plus Sign +.

B. Click Save to save on a Mobile device.

C. Search a place by name, or on the PC you have the option of dragging to a location.

**\*When pinning your locations please include as much information as possible. When you identify a safe place or a hot spot, please be sure you give them a context – why are they safe? who are they safe to etc.?**

A Safe Place is an area, building, etc. considered to be safe, secure and generally a positive location for individuals to visit. **When pinning a Safe Place, please choose GREEN.**

**Ex. Safe Place:** *Public Library – Safe Space. A place, building in the community where families can go and feel safe.*

A Hot Spot would be an area of concern or known area where underage drinking or substance use or crimes have been reported, experienced, or at which anything that has potential to cause harm to our youth. **When pinning a Hot Spot, please choose RED.**

**Ex. Hot Spot:** *The Massapequa Preserve – This area is dark and has been known to attract a bad element.*

Not all areas are either safe OR concerning – they can be both. For example, safe during the day, but an area of concern at night – for these kinds of locations, please use yellow to indicate this and leave a comment explaining why.

**If a location is already pinned, you have two options.**

1. Click on "Thumbs Up" or "Thumbs Down" on existing location/pin.
2. Create another pin for that location with your own comments.

**Note:** If you are unable to submit your response through the Padlet application, you can email or call in your areas of safety/concern to MTAC's Project Coordinator at [mtacoalition@yesccc.org](mailto:mtacoalition@yesccc.org) / (516) – 799-3000 x131

# ABOUT MTAC



***The mission of Massapequa Takes Action Coalition (MTAC) is to prevent and reduce substance misuse and high-risk behaviors in the Massapequas. Since 1997, we have been collaborating with Massapequa Public Schools, parents, residents, law enforcement, clergy, private and non-profit agencies, businesses, and federal, state and local governments to enhance our efforts. This e-newsletter was developed under grant number NH28CE002530-04 from the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP). The views, opinions, and content of this publication are those of the authors and contributors, and do not necessarily reflect the views, opinions or policies of the CDC and ONDCP.***

