

# 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!



***For more information:***

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# THANK YOU MASSAPEQUA!

*For disposing of your  
unused or expired  
medication.*

This spring..

***WE COLLECTED***

80+ pounds for safe  
disposal!



# 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/)

**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



APPROVED BY THE NY STATE LIQUOR AUTHORITY

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





*MTAC had the privilege of honoring Dr. Fasano for his outstanding dedication and support to the Massapequa Community for the previous 18 years. Thank you, Dr. Fasano; we couldn't have done it without you!*





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

# A NEW EMERGING DRUG THREAT

## XYLAZINE EDUCATIONAL FACT SHEET

- **Xylazine, or "tranq", is a non-opioid veterinary tranquilizer that is not approved for human use.**
- **It makes fentanyl feel more like a heroin high. It has a very rapid and painful withdrawal.**
- **Addiction can cause rotting of the skin and soft tissue, creating open sores and ulcers that can lead to amputation.**
- **Xylazine is not an opioid, so in the event of a suspected Xylazine overdose, naloxone (otherwise known as Narcan) will not reverse the effects. Still, experts recommend giving naloxone because Xylazine is frequently combined with opioids.**



# What can you do?

**1. Take ALL substance use seriously**

**2. Have a conversation with your kids**

**3. Seek support if you or a loved one may be at risk**

**4. Warn our youth and anyone who may be using substances about the dangers of the potential deadly effects**

**5. Take one of our many Naloxone trainings - sign up for our email list [here](#) to receive information on them**

**6. Get involved with community organizations like MTAC to help spread our message**

*[Click here for additional support](#)*



# **MTAC's Youth Committee Conducted** **Sticker Shock:**

***A national campaign intended to reduce alcohol consumption in the Massapequas and reduce youth access to alcohol.***



**HELP  
PREVENT  
UNDERAGE  
DRINKING**

**TO LEARN MORE**





***MTAC and Levittown Community Action Coalition collaborate with Police Athletic League + local sports arena Dek Superstars to promote substance free sporting events. The signs read 'Our Athletes learn from you. Stay sober in the stands. This is an alcohol, marijuana, and vape-free space.' This is to encourage parents to model their behavior for athletes at community sporting events.***



# 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*  
[mplteense@massapequalibrary.org](mailto:mplteense@massapequalibrary.org)

**VISIT  
THE WEBSITE**

FOR A FULL LIST OF UPCOMING  
TEEN PROGRAMS!

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

## *A few Upcoming* **EVENTS**

**8/4**

Skin Care &  
Makeup Tips  
for Teens

**8/18**

Friday  
Night  
Movie

**8/24**

Teen  
Creative  
Writing

**8/31**

Teen  
Yoga






# 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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# 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.***

