



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
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 / (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
mplteens@massapequalibrary.org

**VISIT
THE WEBSITE**

FOR A FULL LIST OF UPCOMING
TEEN PROGRAMS!

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)



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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.

