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## **BARRAGA: NEWS FROM THE 11<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT** **SILVER ALERT/SPECIAL NEEDS PROGRAM**

Suffolk County Legislator Tom Barraga (R-West Islip) would like to take this opportunity to remind seniors and people with special needs of the availability of Suffolk County's Special Needs/Silver Alert Program. The program is facilitated by the Suffolk County Police Department and enables parents, guardians, relatives or other caregivers to register information surrounding persons with special needs in the Police Department's database. The Special Needs/Silver Alert Program is designed for people with: Dementia (including Alzheimer's Disease); Developmental Disabilities; Autism; Severe Mental Illness and other cognitive disorders that may impair reasoning, resulting in people wandering or being disorientated or lost.

Persons registering for the program can request an identification bracelet be mailed to them by filling out the Special Needs/Silver Alert Registry form. The bracelet is free of charge and contains a distinctive number as well as a number for the Suffolk County Police Department that first responders can use in contacting the police to obtain information regarding that person.

For more information please visit Suffolk County Police Department's website at: [www.suffolkpd.org](http://www.suffolkpd.org) and click on **Amber/Silver Alert** or contact SCPD Special Needs Coordinator at (631) 852-6983 (Direct).