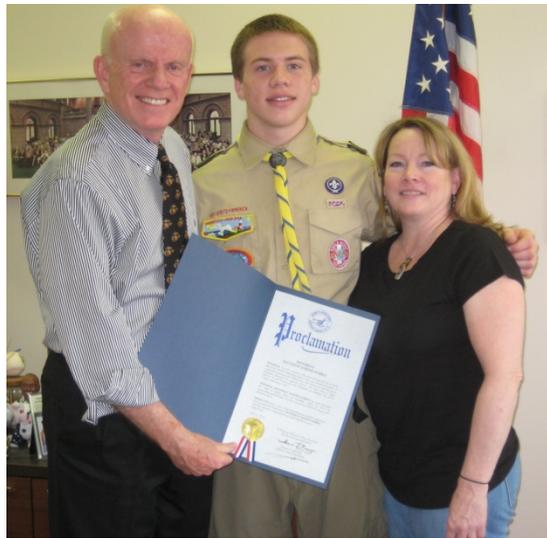


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NEWS FROM THE 11TH DISTRICT **CONGRATULATING EAGLE SCOUT MATTHEW GEBBIA**



SHOWN L-R; SUFFOLK COUNTY LEGISLATOR TOM BARRAGA (R-WEST ISLIP) MATTHEW GEBBIA AND HIS MOTHER (WEST ISLIP).

In order to achieve the rank of Eagle Scout, a young man must exhibit leadership, talent, character and perseverance. Legislator Tom Barraga (R-West Islip) recently had the pleasure of congratulating Matthew Gebbia on receiving the Boy Scout's highest honor, the Eagle Scout Award.

Troop 95 is chartered by the Church of Christ located at 600 Montauk Highway in West Islip. Matthew held several leadership roles but his special achievement was being elected into the Order of the Arrow.

To purchase the supplies needed for their project, Matthew's team raised over \$700 dollars at a car wash fundraiser. The project consisted of planting 13 Arborvitae and 2 Bradford Pear trees at the church. The trees will provide much needed privacy for the play area of the day care center as well as partial shade for the existing picnic tables.

Congratulations to Matthew on a job well done!