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## **NEWS FROM THE 11<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT**

### **ALL YE SCALLYWAGS!!**

#### **BARRAGA COLLECTING SUPPLIES FOR BACKPACK PIRATES**

Suffolk County Legislator Tom Barraga (R-West Islip, is once again partnering with Presiding Officer William Lindsay of the Suffolk County Legislature and the Long Island Coalition for the Homeless to collect items including writing instruments, crayons, glue, markers, backpacks, and many other needed school supplies. The supplies will be given out to up to 500 children from area homeless shelters and foster care families at an annual event dubbed the Backpack Pirates Summer Festival on August 27<sup>th</sup> in Riverhead.

Individuals looking to help with this very worthy cause can bring their items to the West Islip Library and place the items in the collection box located across from the main checkout desk. There is a suggested supply list attached to the box at the Library but the following is a general outline of items needed:

#### **Pocket Folders**

#### **Large Backpacks**

#### **Crayola Crayons (24 count or larger)**

#### **Sharpened #2 Pencils**

#### **Pencil Boxes/ Pencil Cases**

#### **Colored Pencils**

#### **Hard Cover Composition Notebooks**

#### **Black Flair Pens**

#### **Small Pencil Sharpeners**

#### **Large Pink Erasers**

#### **Tissue Boxes, Baby Wipes and Clorox Wipes**

#### **Glue Sticks**

#### **3x5 Index Cards and Box**

#### **Glue Sticks and Bottles of White Glue**

#### **Thin Markers and Hi-lighter Markers**

#### **Calculators**

#### **Book Covers**

#### **Post-it Notes**

#### **Loose-leaf Paper**

#### **Backpacks and Lunch boxes for snacks**

Please contact Legislator Barraga's office for further information or questions with the program, (631)-854-4100

