

News Briefs From Around Huntington

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Challenging Terrain At Centerport House Fire

Firefighters battled a fire that broke out in the basement of a Centerport home last Saturday.

The Centerport Fire Department responded to reports of a house fire on McKinley Terrace just before 10:30 p.m., March 16, fire officials said.

The first arriving fire crews found the fire had started in the basement of the home and spread up through the walls into the first and second floors, according to fire officials.

Fire officials said the location of the house presented challenges for the firefighters. The house is elevated about 50 feet above the street where the fire trucks were forced to park, and firefighters had to stretch three hose lines and carry all of their

equipment up a long staircase in order to fight the blaze, fire officials said. Despite the challenging conditions, firefighters contained the fire to the basement and two rooms on the upper floors of the home, fire officials said.

Fire officials said during the firefight one Centerport firefighter partially fell through the floor on the second story of the house, but was able to pull himself out without any injuries.

Around 60 firefighters from Centerport, Halesite, Greenlawn and East Northport, under the command of Centerport's Chief Rich Miltner, had the fire under control in about 40 minutes, according to fire officials.

Fire officials said no one was injured in the blaze, and the Suffolk Police Arson Squad and Town of Huntington Fire Marshals are investigating the cause of the fire.



Photos/Steve Silverman

Around 60 firefighters work to extinguish a fire that broke out in the basement of a home on McKinley Terrace in Centerport last Saturday.



Photo/SCPD

Police say a man used this trailer and SUV to steal a basketball hoop from a home in Commack.

Basketball Hoop Stolen

Suffolk County Police Fourth Precinct Crime Section officers are looking for a man who they believe stole a basketball hoop from a home in Commack last month.

Police said the man stole the basketball hoop from in front of a residence on Farmstead Road at approximately 10 a.m., Feb. 26. The man loaded the basketball hoop onto a trailer he was pulling with a blue Chevrolet Suburban and drove off, according to police. The Suburban had gold New York State license plates, police said.

Stolen Credit Cards Used After Car Break-In



Photo/SCPD

Police say this man used stolen credit cards to make purchases at several Home Depot locations around Suffolk County last month.

Suffolk County Police Second Squad detectives are trying to identify a man who they believe used stolen credit cards in stores throughout Suffolk County in February.

According to police, the credit cards were first stolen at approximately 11 a.m., Feb. 10 when someone broke the window of a 2016 Honda CRV in the parking lot of New York Sports Club at 6136 Jericho Turnpike in Commack. Police said the unknown suspect stole a purse containing multiple credit cards out of the Honda.

The man police are trying to find used the stolen credit cards later in the day on Feb. 10 at several Home Depot locations around Suffolk County, police said.

Phone Scam In Melville

The Suffolk County Police Department is warning residents to be wary of a phone scam that involves scammers calling from a fake Suffolk police phone number and demanding money.

Police said a Melville man received two phone calls on March 19 during which scammers used spoofing software make it appear that calls were coming from legitimate Suffolk PD phone numbers.

During the first call, the victim was instructed by the scammers to remain on the line, drive to his bank and await further instructions on how to clear up a warrant for criminal activity, according to police.

Police said the victim then received a second phone call, which displayed a legitimate Second Precinct phone number on his caller ID. That caller provided a fake badge number and threatened to arrest the man if he did not comply with the instructions from the first caller, police said.

Police officials stressed that members of the Suffolk County Police Department will never call the public asking for money.

For more information on common scams and how avoid becoming a victim visit Suffolkpd.org.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) has received a Brownfield Cleanup Program (BCP) application and Draft Remedial Investigation Work Plan from 235 Pinelawn Road South LLC for a site known as the Former Newsday Facility, site ID #C152256. This site is located in the Town of Melville, within the County of Suffolk, and is located at 235 Pinelawn Road. Comments regarding this application must be submitted no later than April 26. A copy of the application, Draft Remedial Investigation Work Plan and other relevant documents are available at the document repository located at the Plainview – Old Bethpage Public Library, 999 Old Country Road, Plainview, NY, 11803. Information regarding the site and how to submit comments can be found at <http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/60058.html> or send comments to Sarken Dressler, P.G., Project Manager, 50 Circle Road, Stony Brook, NY, 11790; sarken.dressler@dec.ny.gov; or call (631) 444-0246.

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