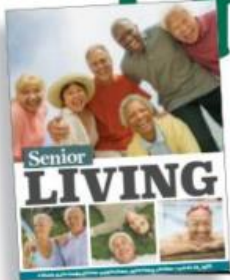


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## *Katz honored by county*



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GNWPCD Commissioner Patty Katz and Nassau County Legislator Ellen Birnbaum stand together during the recent Nassau County Legislature's 20th Annual Women's History Awards Ceremony.

Great Neck Water Pollution Control District Commissioner Patty Katz was recently honored at the Nassau County Legislature's 20th Annual Women's History Awards Ceremony.

Nassau County Legislator Ellen Birnbaum selected Patty Katz as the ceremony's honoree from the county's 10th District—as she exemplifies the year's theme of “Women: Trailblazers In The New Millennium.”

“Patty has asserted herself as a leader in the community for years, and we are lucky to have her voice and leadership here at the District,” said GNWPCD Commissioner Steve Reiter. “In just over a year, Patty has brought innovative ideas to the table that are both environmentally friendly and cost-efficient for our local taxpayers. We congratulate Patty on this honor and are eager to continue working together on projects that benefit the residents and community we serve.”

Patty Katz has been an environmental activist and community advocate for years. She is the current Vice President of Reach Out America (ROA) and previously founded ROA's Green Committee, which she chaired for nine years. Last year, she spearheaded the District's first-ever “Shed the Meds” event that allowed residents to drop-off expired and unused medication, helping reduce the harmful flushing of pharmaceutical waste.

“It's a true honor to receive this distinction and be recognized amongst so many trailblazing women in Nassau County,” said Commissioner Katz. “I am eager to continue raising awareness of environmentally friendly initiatives and also encourage future generations of women to get involved in their communities and the utility industry.”