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Ms. Marie Amsterdam, Chair
LI-DOG Hempstead Campaign
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Dear Ms. Amsterdam:

Thank you for your letter of October 3 concerning the Town of Hempstead's first and recently-opened dog park located in Newbridge Road Park. It was good to hear from you. And I'm so glad to hear that you and your dog enjoyed your recent experience at the facility. I always appreciate it when neighbors take the time to share their thoughts and concerns; it allows me to listen and better represent our middle class families and seniors as Supervisor of America's largest township.

As I pledged to the Long Island Dog Owners group last year, more access for canines in Hempstead Town's more than 1,400 acres of parkland has been a top priority of mine. In fact, protecting animals has been a cornerstone of my administration since taking office on January 1 of this year.

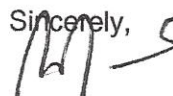
I'm so glad to hear that you and others in the Long Island Dog Owners Group approve of our new dog park initiative. I pledged during my Supervisor's race last year that our neighbors deserved a place to take their canines to play, socialize with other dogs, burn off excess energy and share quality time with their human companions. And along with my Town Board colleagues, we made it happen.

The town's state-of-the-art 14,025 square foot dog park is comprised of paw-friendly synthetic turf, ramps, weave poles, hurdles, shade and areas for their owners to relax in the shade as well. Dog owners and their furry friends will enjoy this beautiful park for years to come. The park is open only to Town of Hempstead residents and their dogs. Owners must provide their pet's current rabies vaccination tag and current Town of Hempstead dog license. Other rules apply, and can be found on the Town's website at <http://bit.ly/2cNsGdy>.

I would be willing to work with you and other community advocates to review current Town Code and determine where additional dog-friendly areas could be made throughout our parks, beaches and areas of open space.

Ms. Amsterdam, I greatly appreciate your kind words. I'm privileged to serve as Chief Executive of America's largest township where I'm focused on fighting taxes, reducing spending while ensuring every residents receives top-notch municipal services for pennies on the tax dollar. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me again if I can be of additional assistance on this or any other municipal issue. As always, I can be reached in my Town Hall office at 516-489-6000 or via e-mail at asantino@tohmail.org.

Sincerely,


ANTHONY J. SANTINO
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