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Let's Save Lives Together!

Community Parent Center, Nassau Pediatric Society and WeSee4U Want to Keep Our Teen Drivers Safe & Save Lives Together!!

Teen car crashes are not accidents. These often fatal crashes can be preventable! The Community Parent Center, the Nassau Pediatric Society and WeSee4U are committed to helping you, and our entire community, reduce the number of families affected each year by these tragedies.

WeSee4U is a monitoring program that gets information to parents regarding their teen's driving behaviors. Parents can order a "How's My Teen Driving?" bumper sticker with a unique PIN that they attach to their teen's car. If someone notices reckless, unsafe or good driving behavior, they call WeSee4U at 1 (888) WeSee-01 (937-3301), noting the PIN of the vehicle. The call is recorded and the report is e-mailed to the parents exactly as it was received. There is no police involvement. All information is kept secure and confidential, with no other parties involved. This service provides the parents with details of the driving incident, enabling them to handle the situation as they deem appropriate.

Bellmore resident Nancy Bauman *continued on back*



UPCOMING DRIVING IN THE SAFE LANE

Registration required. For more information call (516) 771-9346 or visit www.communityparentcenter.org

Herricks HS | October 7, 7:00pm
Shelter Rock Rd., New Hyde Park

South Side HS | October 8, 7:00pm
Sheperd St., Rockville Centre

Holy Trinity HS | Oct. 15, 7:30pm, Oct. 20, 7:30 pm
Cherry Lane, Hicksville

Oceanside HS | October 22, 7:00pm
Skillman Ave, Oceanside

Clark HS | October 28, 7:00pm
Edgewood Drive, Westbury

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launched WeSee4U, a monitoring service for reporting unsafe teen driving, in 2007 after a horrific fatal car crash killed two local teenage drivers.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of injury and death for teenagers in the United States. WeSee4U can help save teens' lives. It gives parents a tool to oversee their teen's driving habits, even when they are not present. When people know they are being watched, they tend to behave more responsibly. Studies indicate that the trucking industry reduced ticketing and crash rates by using the "How's My Teen Driving?" system.

The Community Parent Center,

Back to School Driving Safety

By Wendy Tepfer, Community Parent Center Director

It's September and children from kindergarten to college are starting a new school year. For parents, back to school means the end of carefree summer activities and a return to routine school days. For drivers, however, back to school means a return to slower driving in your community and especially around school zones.

With many newly licensed teen drivers resuming their daily commutes to high school or college, now is the perfect time for everyone to review safe driving rules — both adults and teens. This is an important conversation that parents must have with their teen.

the Nassau Pediatric Society & WeSee4U would like to see bumper stickers on every teenager's car. Young drivers think that they are invincible. That is why it is vital that everyone adopt the mindset of "I'll watch out for your teens and you watch out for mine." By working together, we can help prevent teen driving fatalities and injuries in our community and across Long Island. "Let's Save Lives Together."

For every yearly subscription sold by WeSee4U, a portion of the purchase price will be donated to the ongoing support of the Community Parent Center. To sign up for WeSee4U, or for more information, visit the web site at www.WeSee4U.com, or call WeSee4U at 1 (866) 933-5020 or the Community Parent Center at (516) 771-9346.



RESPONSIBLE DRIVING

- 1 Always wear seat belts.
- 2 Limit the number of passengers in your car.
- 3 Do not use cell phones or any other electronic devices when driving.
- 4 Avoid distractions. No eating, drinking or adjusting the radio.
- 5 Obey all traffic signs, signals and markings.
- 6 Never drink alcohol or use other drugs while driving.
- 7 Be familiar with school zones and obey crossing guards.
- 8 Do not speed, especially in school zones.
- 9 Stop for the school bus when red lights are flashing.
- 10 Drive defensively.

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