



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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Senator Kaplan issues statement on antisemitic vandalism found in a Nassau County Park

SENATOR ANNA M. KAPLAN September 3, 2022

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Swastikas were found etched inside multiple bathroom stalls at Cedar Creek Park in Seaford, NY and reported to the office of Senator John Brooks, who notified police

Senator Anna Kaplan urged Nassau County Executive Bruce Blakeman to step up and improve monitoring of County facilities for hateful graffiti and vandalism



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CARLE PLACE, NY (SEPTEMBER 3, 2022) - Following the discovery of multiple swastikas etched inside bathroom stalls at [Cedar Creek Park in Seaford, NY](#), **Senator Anna M. Kaplan** (D-North Hills) issued the following statement, and urged members of the public with information to contact police:

Senator Anna M. Kaplan said “I’m horrified by the latest discovery of antisemitic vandalism on Long Island, and I’m disgusted that once again it was found in a public park where children and families should be able to enjoy themselves without being confronted by vile displays of hatred. We deserve to live in communities free from this garbage, and our Police have my full support in their investigation to find whoever is responsible. I’m grateful for the efforts of our Law Enforcement Officers, and I thank them for their service today as every day.

At a time when antisemitism and extremist fueled hatred is on the rise across our country and in our own community, we all need to stand up and reject antisemitism and hate whenever it rears its ugly head. We also need to do a better job of monitoring our public spaces for symbols of hate like this, and I’m calling on County Executive Bruce Blakeman to step up and ensure that every county facility is proactively and routinely examined for this type of vandalism or graffiti. Countless studies show that a proactive and quick response to address vandalism and graffiti dramatically reduces repeat offenses, and our County government needs to do a better job at keeping this filth out of our community.”

Members of the public who have information are urged to contact Nassau County Crime Stoppers at 800-244-TIPS (8477).