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Margaret Cunzio — Animal Advocate

Margaret Cunzio is currently serving her first term on the Board of Legislators, representing Mount Pleasant, North Castle, Pleasantville and parts of Briarcliff Manor, Sleepy Hollow and Greenburgh.

Cunzio is a lifelong Westchester County resident, having grown up in Armonk and residing in Thornwood for the past 16 years. She currently teaches at Iona College and Western Connecticut State University. She also is a fitness professional at Equinox in Armonk.

Cunzio graduated from Byram Hills High School. She attended Iona College, earning a B.A. in Journalism. She continued her studies at Fordham University, where she received her M.S. in Education, and later graduated from Mercy College with her P.D. in Educational Administration. She is a New York State certified teacher and administrator.

A civic-minded member of her community, she has previously served on the Mount Pleasant Architectural Review Board and is involved with the Mount Pleasant Recreation Center senior program. Additionally, she is an animal advocate and pet rescuer, and is the proud owner of five rescue cats and three rescue dogs—one from the Briarcliff SPCA, one from Armonk’s Adopt-a-Dog, and one from Second Chance Rescue-NYC. She is an actively involved as a foster and volunteer for many animal rescue groups. One of Margaret’s passions is animal rescue and animal advocacy. She is currently co-sponsoring a bill with other legislators that would create a law regulating pet sellers (puppy mills).



Margaret is married to Michael Cunzio, principal of Columbus Elementary School in Thornwood. ■



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Investing in our Infrastructure and Safety

Legislator Margaret Cunzio (C) Mount Pleasant, announced that the Board of Legislators (BOL) has approved a Bond Act in the amount of \$325,000 to redesign a section of Commerce Street, specifically at the intersection of Commerce Street and Elwood Avenue which has been the site of numerous traffic accidents including a pedestrian fatality in February 2013.

This intersection has been of concern to local officials for many years. In 1999, the Mount Pleasant Police Chief wrote to the County Department of Public Works asking that a safety study be conducted at that intersection. At that time there were 13 crashes in one year and a pedestrian was hit. Following the 2013 pedestrian fatality the town of Mount Pleasant sent their own re-design plans to Westchester County with a request that the plans be considered as part of the County’s capital improvement plans for Commerce Street.



Legislator Cunzio who is serving in her first term as Legislator representing Mount Pleasant, North Castle and Pleasantville said, “I am very pleased to see this important redesign process begin. I drive daily in this community and this intersection has concerned for me a long time. I thank the Town of Mount Pleasant and my colleagues on the County level for prioritizing this project and for working together to improve this stretch of road.” Cunzio added, “Road work may seem like a pretty unexciting function of local governments but when it results a safer road it could mean saving a life and that is very exciting.”

Commerce Street which is a County road has an average daily traffic count of 8000 cars. Elwood which is a Mount Pleasant Road sees approximately 1700 cars daily. Following the redesign process, the County and the town are expected to enter into an inter municipal agreement (IMA) to fund the actual construction work.



In addition to redesigning the intersection, the current Bond Act will also include the design phase for the rehabilitation of 1.23 miles of Commerce Street. The rehab work will include milling, joint and crack repair, resurfacing, concrete curb replacement, installation of ADA compliant sidewalk ramps, new traffic loops, new pavement markings and related work.

Two additional bonds were also passed for roads in Pleasantville totaling over \$800,000 with the support of Legislator Cunzio. Washington Avenue and Bedford Road, in Pleasantville, will receive these necessary improvements to enhance the safety and conditions of these roads. ■

DISTRICT PHOTO GALLERY



1. Leading one of the 5th grade classes from Wampus Elementary School in Armonk as they participate in a Mock Legislative session at the board of Legislators.
2. I was proud to be a guest speaker at the Annual Hawthorne Elementary School Green Walk and present the students with a proclamation recognizing their efforts to protect the environment.
3. Opening Day at Pat Henry Field in Valhalla.
4. At the Westlake High School Varsity Football dinner recognizing their tremendous 2015 season.
5. Helping out at the Police Appreciation Barbeque thanking police officers from the Mount Pleasant and Pleasantville Police Departments.
6. I was honored to be at the ribbon cutting ceremony at the new Paws Crossed Rescue where I was able to present a proclamation alongside Legislator MaryJane Shimsky.
7. Speaking to high school students from Sleepy Hollow High School at the League of Woman Voters Running and Winning Workshop.
8. Leading Columbus Elementary School students (Mount Pleasant) in a school-wide exercise routine for their Wellness Day, focusing on healthy habits.
9. I was pleased to honor students from my alma mater, Byram Hills High School, for their achievements as Intel winners through their science research program.
10. At the opening ceremony of the 42nd Annual Fol-De-Rol in Armonk, sponsored by the Armonk Lion's Club.
11. Participating in the Hawthorne Fire Department's 9/11 Ceremony honoring Michael Lyons, who tragically passed away that day 15 years ago.
12. Marching in the Annual Pleasantville Fireman's Parade with Pleasantville Mayor Peter Scherer and Village Board Member Mindy Berard.
13. Taking a tour of the construction on the Saw Mill River Parkway in Pleasantville with the NYSDOT.
14. With Senator Terrance Murphy and Town Supervisor Carl Fulgenzi at Mount Pleasant Day.
15. With Chairman Michael Kaplowitz during a presentation to Mary Fox-Alter, superintendent of Pleasantville Union Free School District, for Woman's History month.
16. Marching in the Sleepy Hollow St. Patrick's Day Parade with Mayor Ken Wray and village board members.