



## FURNACE FLING

By Joanne McEvoy-Samborn

Adapted from Low Carbon Diet

By David Gershon, 2006

While this book was written about nearly 10 years ago it still has pertinent information.

One of the most important things you can do to save energy is to regularly tune up your furnace. Up to 50% of the energy you use in your home goes to heating it. And a heating system can waste up to 50% of the energy it uses if it's not operating efficiently. This can represent as much as 3,750 pounds of CO<sub>2</sub> wastefully going into the air each year.

### CO<sub>2</sub> REDDUCTION ACTION

Oil furnaces need a tune-up once a year; gas furnaces should get one every 2 years

Call your furnace servicing company and schedule an appointment to have your furnace cleaned and adjusted based on a combustion efficiency test

Seal all joints in your warm-air ducts with mastic or duct tape that meets UL-181 specifications (it will say on the package if it meets this standard)

If your warm-air heating ducts that pass through unheated areas such as crawl spaces are not insulated, ask your technician to either include that as part of the servicing or show you how to do it. This can improve the efficiency of your heating system as much as 30%

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## Post-Election Brunch on November 8th Features Suffolk County Legislature Presiding Officer

by Judi Roth

With local elections having just been decided, our featured speaker (assuming he is re-elected!) will be DuWayne Gregory, Presiding Officer of the Legislature. He will talk about what has been accomplished in the past year and also highlight priorities for the new session. As all 18 seats and the County Executive will have just gone through a re-election cycle it should be an interesting afternoon.

Being recognized for her large part in helping the Suffolk League realize our two successful days of "Students Inside Suffolk County" will be Lora

Gellerstein, Chief of Staff to the Presiding Officer, Mr. Gregory. Lora's enthusiasm and work on this program galvanized us and her whole staff who were invaluable to making these days a success – and we hope a repeated success in the future.

The luncheon will be held at the Harbor Crab in Patchogue from 11:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Featuring a 3-course meal, the cost is \$35 in advance for members and \$40 on the day of the event and for non-members. Seating is limited to 40. See page 15 for additional information.