



Community Watch program provides local “Safe Places”

New Community Watch “Safe Place” decals will soon be showing up across Clifton Park as Councilwoman Lynda Walowit re-canvases local businesses to raise awareness about the program.

Community Watch “Safe Place” decals are placed on the front door or windows of local businesses, churches and office buildings to identify the building as a safe place for any child or adult to go to if they feel threatened.

“The Community Watch program was created as a way to ensure that our children and adults can feel safe in town knowing that there are always others around to help them if needed,” Walowit said.

“We are again inviting local businesses to participate in this program aimed at helping keep Clifton Park a safe place to live, work and play.”

In addition to providing a safe place for anyone who feels threatened, Walowit said the program aims to deter any potential criminals from targeting Clifton Park residents.

To participate, local businesses attach the decal on a front door or window where it can be highly visible. This will indicate to a child, teen or adult who feels threatened that they can enter the business and be safe.

Walowit created the program over 10 years ago after officials heard about an incident in a surrounding town in which a man was attempting to lure young women into his car.

“I re-canvas town businesses every few years to make sure that current business owners and managers are aware of the program,” Walowit said. “I will also replace any faded decals as well as provide decals to our new businesses.”



Above: Councilwoman Lynda Walowit and Philly Pretzel Factory owner Shannon Melleady place a Community Watch “Safe Place” decal on the front door at the Philly Pretzel Factory on Southside Drive in Clifton Park on Tuesday, June 23.

