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City of Glen Cove's Patriotic Fire Hydrant Project Brings Red, White & Blue Spirit to the Community

GLEN COVE, NY — In celebration of America's 250th anniversary, the City of Glen Cove has launched a community beautification project transforming nearly 30 fire hydrants across the city into patriotic red, white, and blue displays. The initiative is spearheaded by the Glen Cove Seasonal Youth Employment Program (SYEP), led by Jacki Yonick, Senior Youth Employment Coordinator, in coordination with the Glen Cove Water Department, with support from the Glen Cove Volunteer Fire Department.

Located along the July 4th Bike Parade route, throughout downtown, Cedar Swamp Road, and by Morgan Park, the hydrants are being painted by local youth participating in the City's Summer Youth Employment Program.

More than just a patriotic display, the project gives local teens hands-on work experience while making a visible impact in their neighborhoods. For participants Hadee Jaffar, 15, and Emily Rios, 15, the project has been both rewarding and a chance to give back.

"It's a great way to help out our community and bond with the people here," said Jaffar. "It boosts our work experience and teaches us a lot."

Rios added, "It's a great way to bring us together, get us outside, and do something nice for the community."

SYEP Supervisor Mykael Pajuelo said the project is a fitting way for Glen Cove's youth to take part in the nation's historic milestone.

"It's a great thing for the kids to be doing, especially for the 250th celebration of our country," said Pajuelo. "It's a good way to give back to the city they live in."

The project has already generated strong community excitement, with a video posted on the City of Glen Cove Office of the Mayor's Facebook page gaining widespread attention. Pamela Panzenbeck praised the students' dedication.

"I'm so proud of these young people and grateful for how hard they've worked on this project," said Mayor Panzenbeck.

Among the many supportive comments was local parent Marissa Lee Damiano, who wrote, "*Best program ever!!!! If your 14/15-year-old doesn't take advantage of this program, they're definitely missing out!*"

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The hydrant project is one of many initiatives planned as Glen Cove joins communities nationwide in commemorating America's 250th anniversary, showcasing the city's spirit of creativity, volunteerism, and community pride.

Photo caption: Members of Glen Cove's Seasonal Youth Employment Program (SYEP) work on the City's patriotic fire hydrant beautification project outside Morgan Memorial Park. Pictured from left: Hadee Jaffar, Emily Rios, Mykael Pajuelo, and Aaleyah Lomini painting a hydrant on Gervais Street.

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