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Town Supervisor Bach Announces Public Forum on Heroin and Opiate Epidemic

Adults and Children Invited to Meeting on May 5 at the Southside Municipal Center

The Town of Aurora and Village of East Aurora have not been immune to the heroin and opiate epidemic that has hit communities across the country. Suspected overdoses have been linked to deaths and several close calls in the Town of Aurora in recent years.

In an effort to open dialogue about the problem facing our community, Aurora Town Supervisor James J. Bach is organizing a public forum on Thursday, May 5, at 7 p.m., in the Auditorium of the Southside Municipal Center, 300 Gleed Ave.

Acting Erie County District Attorney Michael Flaherty Jr. and East Aurora Police Chief Shane Krieger will make presentations during the program, with a specific focus on the problem in our town and village. The forum will be open to all community members, especially parents *and* their children.

Local government officials, including county and state representatives, have also been invited.

“It is my hope that we can open the lines of communication with both adults and children to focus attention on the seriousness of the problem and to prevent further tragedies,” Bach said. “I have been particularly concerned with recent reports in our community of overdoses and criminal activity arising from the use of these harmful substances. Our community has not escaped the terrible repercussions—including deaths and numerous close calls—from the use of these drugs. I don’t think we should be keeping this a secret any more. We need to have an open dialogue about this problem facing our community.”

For more information about the event, call the Town Supervisor’s Office at 716-652-7590 or email supervisor@townofaurora.com.

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