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U.S. Rep. Dan Lipinski, D-3rd, and Westchester Village President Paul Gattuso will sponsor a Medicare Prescription Drug Seminar in February to assist seniors enrolling in the Medicare program.

"I invite my constituents to come to the seminar and ask questions and discuss the Medicare drug plan," Congressman Lipinski said. "No one should feel pressured into making a bad decision about enrolling in this program."

"Given the current confusion, it is imperative we allow beneficiaries to take their time, check their facts, and know their options without being rushed to choose."

Lipinski and his staff will join President Gattuso and experts from the state and federal government in assisting Medicare participants enrolling in the drug program at 11 a.m. Feb. 15 at the Westchester Park District, 10201 Bond St.

Information on Lipinski's Medicare Prescription Drug seminars may be obtained by calling (312) 886-0481 or going online to www.house.gov/lipinski/.

In other news, Lipinski is looking for help in honoring community leaders.

"In my work in the Third Congressional District, I have met many outstanding people in communities from Beverly to Westchester," Congressman Lipinski said. "It is in this spirit of community that I am pleased to announce the 2006 Community Leader Award program to recognize these great citizens."

"Furthermore, I am asking for the help of my constituents in nominating recipients for this award."

Nominees may be anyone who lives or works in the Third Congressional District and embodies the spirit of community involvement, volunteerism and civic duty.

"If you know of a person living in your community who is truly deserving of this award, I would like to hear about him or her," Congressman Lipinski said.

Send a description (250 words or less) of a nominee's community-leadership accomplishments to Christopher Jutton, 6245 S. Archer Ave., Chicago, IL 60638; via e-mail at Chris.Jutton@mail.house.gov; or via fax to (773) 767-9395.

Residents are asked to respond by Jan. 31.