DEPUTY GRAND MARSHAL

KEITH SULLIVAN

 Like many Rockaway “locals”, Keith Sullivan was born in the Flatbush section of Brooklyn. His family moved to Rockaway when Keith, the youngest of four kids, was in the 5th grade. He attended Saint Francis de Sales grammar school. After college he moved out of Rockaway, but his love of its community, the beach and its amazing sunrises drew him back home to Rockaway 10 years ago.

 Keith is a founding partner of the law firm Sullivan & Galleshaw. In addition to working at his law practice, he is an adjunct law professor at area law schools and spent several years as a featured legal commentator for FOX News, MSNBC, and various NYC media outlets, always trying to bring a voice of reason and compassion for people to the conversation. He served several years on the local Community Board, and is the former Deputy Commissioner for the NYS Boxing Commission. Currently, he serves as a Board of Director for The Dr. Theodore Atlas charity foundation, he is a valued member on Board at St. Francis de Sales Catholic Academy, and most recently was appointed Commissioner to the NYC Board of Elections.

 In all of his activities and accomplishments, Keith is most proud of his pro-bono legal work and civic efforts. This has afforded him the opportunity to help fight for people who would otherwise be left without a voice and an advocate on their side. From battling Corporate America after Hurricane Sandy, to fighting against the lowering of hiring standards in the FDNY, to getting midnight restraining orders against a hospital trying to pull the life support of a 7-year-old girl against the family wishes, or operating youth boxing gyms for at-risk kids and as an anti-gang re-direction program, Keith is always ready and willing to volunteer his services for the community.