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Forum focus is immigration arrests

Aid groups, police: Public unaware of ICE enforcement in Sussex



Panelists prepare for the start of the March 12 Speak Out Against Hate forum at Howard T. Ennis School in Georgetown. Shown are (l-r) Cait Clarke, co-founder of Sussex Help; Seaford Police Chief Marshall Craft Jr.; Suhey Matamoras, a Spanish immersion teacher at Milton Elementary School; Georgetown Police Chief Ralph Holmes Jr.; Mary Dupont, a leader of Sussex Help; and Bryant Garcia, executive director of La Esperanza. KEVIN T. CONLON PHOTO

By Kevin T. Conlon •
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The growing number of undocumented immigrant arrests in Sussex County has gone largely unnoticed by the public, said police chiefs and leaders of groups who help those residents at a March 12 forum in Georgetown.

“We have heard, and maybe you too, that people don’t know that there are ICE activities in Sussex County and that people are being arrested and deported quite quickly, sometimes within two weeks,” said Cait Clarke, co-founder of Sussex Help.

“I have seen a community that really does want to support and to be there for each other,” she added. “Because it’s not widely talked about in the news or on public media sources, we believe that nothing is happening because we trust our communities. People think, ‘I don’t really see anything big going on, so it must not be that serious or it must not be happening here.’”











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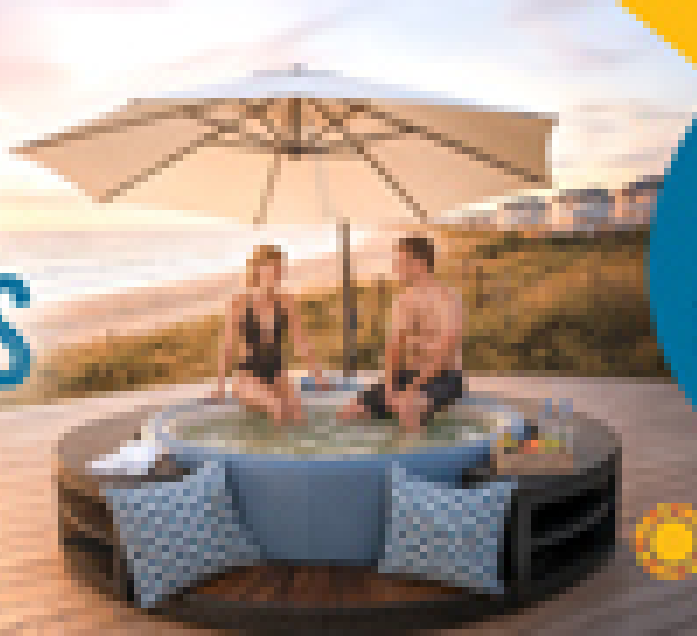
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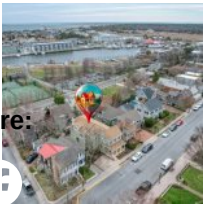
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