

# ROCKY POINT CIVICS ASSOCIATION JANUARY

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CIVIC SPEAKER—SUSAN HALEY, PREVENTION PROGRAM MANAGER

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## 2015 Meeting Dates: First Tuesdays

### January 6

February 3

March 3

April 14—School Budget Discussion

May 5

June 2

July 7

No August

September 8

October 6

November 3

December 1



## ROCKY POINT CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES

December 2, 2014

Pledge of Allegiance  
Roll Call of Officers and Trustees

President - Kathy Weber

Recording Secretary - TBD  
Corresponding Secretary - Pat Adamko

Sergeant at Arms - Charles T. Bevington Ed.D.

Trustee Virginia Heslin

Trustee Susan Bevington

Trustee Rory Rubino

Absent, Excused: Honorary Trustee - Ann Reynen, Maria Farley VP, Maureen O'Keefe Treasurer, Membership Secretary - Jeff Carlson

Treasurers Report: November

Total \$2,958.60

On a motion by Susan Wilson, and seconded by Joe Cognitore, and passed by those present, the reading of the minutes of the November 2014 meeting was waived. No membership report.

Corresponding Secretary Report Pat Adamko: One item: Historical Society/ Chamber of Commerce event.

Cope Report: Rory Rubino & COPE Officer Thomas Kennedy were present

8 assaults, 1 theft, 5 vandalism

Concern about an address on Somerset Road in Rocky Point. An individual was taken into custody on 12/2/14 for a parole violation. This individual was a sex offender that was not yet registered. The release for this person was 11/26/14 and he had 10 days to register. He will be reprimanded for a period of time and it is being handled by the Special Victims Unit. The COPE officer didn't have much additional detail to share.

The holiday patrol was being stepped up—marked and unmarked cars.

COPE officer suggested that residents look up info about sex offenders on the Sex Offender Registry on the NYS website. Also check the Parents for Megan's Law site.

The neighborhood /community watch group is still recruiting

Community concern voiced by Anita L. regarding the NSBPOA and the several drug-related problems and incidents at the North Shore Beach Clubhouse. Drugs were hidden in the bushes

outside the clubhouse. Tried to be in contact in a positive way but there were no great outcomes. She personally suffered a home invasion a year ago and she and her husband were at home at the time.

Member Connie spoke about similar issues.

Member George stated that there was no problem that he had with SCPD response time.

Resident Roland Jackson spoke about loopholes for offenders. The COPE officer shared that offenders needed to register or it would be a felony. If they were homeless, there were different requirements.

Member Joe C. thanked the Suffolk County PD. Roland J. also spoke about panhandlers and that if you see them, please call 911.

Additional discussion ensued regarding the 15 Somerset house. Many residents shared concerns and asked additional questions and there were not any concrete answers including: Was the house a private residence? Did DSS own the house?



## 2014 Volunteers

Rocky Point Civic  
Association

President - Kathy Weber

Vice President - Al Hansen

Treasurer - Susan Wilson

Recording Secretary—Open  
Position

Corresponding Secretary Pat  
Adamko

Sergeant at Arms - Charles  
T. Bevington, Ed.D.

Membership Secretary Open  
Position

Trustees -

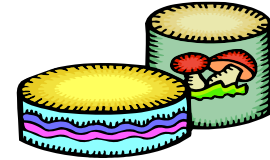
Rory Rubino,

Virginia Heslin,

and Susan Bevington

**Call for members' \$10  
Annual and \$15 Family  
Dues Renew Now—  
PLEASE RENEW NOW**

BRING PANTRY ITEMS TO  
EACH MEETING...



Rocky Point Farmers Market: May through the Sunday before Thanksgiving.  
Find more info at [www.rockypointfarmsmarket/Wordpress.com](http://www.rockypointfarmsmarket/Wordpress.com) Sundays  
8AM—1PM May through Nov

Public Health Hearing Democracy at Work: Suffolk County law directs the Department of Health Services to hold two public health hearings each year. The purpose of these hearings is to obtain input from residents of Suffolk County to guide the county in allocating its health care resources. James L. Tomarken, MD, MPH, MBA, MSW, Commissioner of the Suffolk County Department of Health Services, announced today that a Public Health Hearing has been scheduled for: April 25, 2014 at the William H. Rogers Legislature Building Clerk's Conference Room 725 Veterans Memorial Highway Hauppauge, NY 11787.

Last April Dr. Bevington spoke against the use of Methoprene to control mosquitoes based upon the discussion at the earlier monthly civic meeting. This is one reason why: Methoprene is moderately toxic to some fish and highly toxic to others. In three Oregon State University studies on bluegill sunfish, the results were different in each case, ranging from moderate to very high toxicity. Methoprene can accumulate in fish tissues *you eat the fish and the methoprene goes into your tissues*. It is moderately toxic to crustaceans such as shrimp, lobsters and crayfish, and very highly toxic to freshwater invertebrates

(<http://npic.orst.edu/factsheets/methogen.html>). Beyond Pesticides Blog for August 21, 2013: Suffolk County, New York, Legislator Jay Schneiderman (I-Montauk) introduced a bill on July 30, 2013 to establish strict guidelines for the use of methoprene within estuaries in Suffolk County. Methoprene, an insect growth regulator, is commonly used in mosquito control programs, but is highly toxic to estuarine invertebrates, including crabs and lobsters, which are the backbone of the fishing industry along the East coast. This bill follows similar legislation already passed in Connecticut and Rhode Island to help protect lobster populations. (At the public hearing a review of literature research was promised).

The lobster population in the Long Island Sound has decreased dramatically over the last decade, corresponding with the introduction of pesticides such as methoprene in mosquito control programs. Methoprene is an insect growth regulator that prevents development to the adult reproductive stages so that insects, including dragonflies that eat mosquitoes, die in arrested immaturity. It is an insecticide that is acutely toxic to estuarine invertebrates, including valuable food and commercial species like crabs and lobsters. Suffolk County Commissioner of Health Services James Tomarken reported December 12, 2014 the first and only human case of West Nile virus in Suffolk County in 2014. The individual, a male over 55 years of age who resides in the Town of Islip, was hospitalized in late August upon experiencing symptoms consistent with West Nile virus. The patient has since recovered and returned home. Also find information on page 5.

Were offenders being clustered?

Minutes- Continued

Was this individual placed in Rocky Point by DSS?

Do we (as residents) have the right to know the conditions set forth for any individual that was living in the house and on parole?

Who monitors the individual released, housed, and now on parole?

Sarah Anker was in attendance and spoke briefly on the issue. She deferred to one community member who researched the issue and she thanked the community member for getting all the info that was provided during the meeting. Officer Kennedy shared his e-mail and phone: Thomas.kennedy@suffolkcounty.ny.gov and 852-8775.

Land Use: No report. {By Laws and Rules necessitate an Ad Hoc Land Use Committee to be reformulated in January and a chairperson. Appointed by the President}.

Farmers Market Committee: Dr. Charles Bevington: Cornell and Healthy Places will be donating a sign for each end of the bypass for Rocky Point. Thank you so Susan Wilk. Next year will be the 4th year for the Farmer's Market.

Old Business

Sarah spoke briefly on the Rails to Trails project. LIPA would be the landlord; the county the tenant. The county will be responsible for the maintenance of the trail. The local agreement must be signed by the State. It needs four (4) signatures. Sarah will work to expedite the signatures. Public discussions will take about a year in total; there is \$10M earmarked for the project.

Annual Vote: There was a vote on two open positions: Al Hansen as Vice President. Susan Wilson as Treasurer.

Both were voted into office for the 2015 year.

New Business None

Vinny won the 50-50 and donated his \$\$ back to the Civic. Thank you Vinnie! Motion to Adjourn Rory Rubino made the Motion to Adjourn. The motion was seconded by Susan Bevington. Motion passed by members present.

Next meeting is January 6, 2015

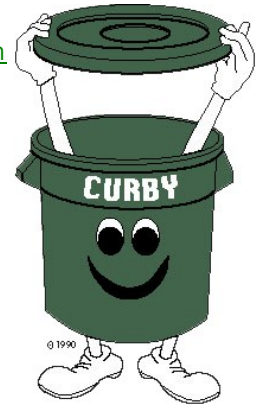
## Civic Speaker—Susan Haley, Prevention Program Manager for Parents For Megan's Law & the Crime Victims Center



The Rocky Point Civics Association invites all citizens and especially students to spend one hour each month on the first Tuesday with our association and members to participate in democracy in action.

### Single Stream Recycling Reduces Costs

"Single-Stream" recycling means there will no longer be separate pick up days for various items. You can place your recyclables all in ONE CONTAINER. Every Wednesday please place all of your paper, glass, plastics, cans, cardboard into one container. Not only are we making it easier by allowing residents to use one container, but we are now accepting more recyclable items, including plastic containers labeled # 1-7. Y (Thank You Jane and Thank you Edward!)



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## *Events Page and Information Page*

1. [Your February event here!](#) Contact [cbevingt at optonline.net](mailto:cbevingt@optonline.net)

### Tuesday, JANUARY 6TH AGENDA

- Pledge of Allegiance 7:30 PM  
Roll call of Officers and Trustees
- Swearing in of 2015 Officers and Trustees
- Reading of prior Minutes
- Report of Officers  
Report of Committees
- COPE Report
- Ad Hoc Land Use Committee  
Speaker 8 PM  
New Business: Code Info for  
Supervisor Romaine  
Adjournment 9:00 PM

### Who to call? List of important numbers

Police and Emergency: 911 and Address: 400 Middle Country Rd, Selden, NY 11784 Phone:(631) 854-8600 Non emergency 852-COPS

Fire Department(631) 744-2390

Dangerous road complaint? Pothole repair call Highway Superintendent Losquadro 451-9200, (631) 732-2584, fax

For Councilwoman Jane Bonner: 451-6964 phone 451-6447 fax [councilwoman-bonner@brookhaven.org](mailto:councilwoman-bonner@brookhaven.org)

For Supervisor Brookhaven Ed Romaine: One Independence Hill , Farmingville, NY 11738 (631) 451-TOWN

For NYS Assemblyman Anthony H. Palumbo District 2, 400 W. Main St., Suite 201, Riverhead, NY 11901 631-727-0204

Suffolk County Assemblywoman Sarah Anker, 620 Route 25A, Suite B, Mt. Sinai, New York 11766 631- 854-1600





## Neighborhood Watch Page

COPE report for the Dec 2014 Civic meeting.

At the October COPE meeting the police concentrated on reports of ATV activity. ATVs can only be driven on private property with written permission of the owner. If you know where ATV activity originates please call the 7th precinct. Currently they are giving tickets and impounding vehicles. December report pending.

### Join a Neighborhood Watch Receive Emergency Notifications from the Suffolk County Code Red Emergency Notification System.

The Suffolk County Department of Fire Rescue and Emergency Services has contracted with Emergency Communications Network to license its CodeRED high-speed notification system. Suffolk will use this system to contact Suffolk Residents in the event of an actual or impending emergency. The CodeRED emergency notification system is a high-speed mass notification service that allows the Suffolk County Department of Fire Rescue and Emergency Services to deliver customized messages directly to Suffolk County homes and business. The CodeRED system also sends out high-speed emails and text messages to those residents who have enrolled additional contact information. CodeRED is an emergency notification service that allows emergency officials to notify residents and businesses by telephone, cell phone, text message, email and social media regarding time-sensitive general and emergency notifications. Only authorized officials have access to the CodeRED system.



## RESOURCES REGARDING METHOPRENE AND MOSQUITOES

**Dead Bird Hotline:** Residents are encouraged to report sightings of dead birds, such as crows, blue jays and hawks that may have been infected with the virus to the Department of Health Services' Public Health Hotline at 631-787-2200 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. The hotline will be active until Labor Day. **Mosquito Problems:** To report mosquito problems or stagnant pools of water, call the Department of Public Works' Vector Control Division at 631-852-4270. **Medical Questions:** For medical questions related to arthropod-borne diseases, contact your health care provider or call 631-854-0333.

**Locally we can continue to Dump the Water Campaign:** SC website brochure to reduce chances of being bitten by mosquitoes.

**Recognize the symptoms:** West Nile Virus is transmitted to humans through the bite of an infected mosquito. Mild cases of West Nile infection (West Nile fever) may include a slight fever and head and body aches. Severe infections (West Nile encephalitis) may also include muscle weakness and may progress to encephalitis or meningitis. Symptoms usually occur three to 14 days after exposure. There is no specific treatment for viral infections, other than to treat the symptoms and provide supportive care. Persons over the age of 50 are at highest risk of becoming seriously ill from West Nile infection. Healthy children and adults are at low risk for serious illness from West Nile virus.

**Steps you should take:** Children and pregnant women should take care to avoid exposure when practical. If possible, remain inside or avoid the area whenever spraying takes place and for about 30 minutes after spraying. Close windows and doors and close the vents of window air-conditioning units to circulate indoor air or, before spraying begins, turn them off. Windows and air-conditioning vents can be reopened about 30 minutes after spraying. If you come in direct contact with pesticide spray, protect your eyes. If you get pesticide spray in your eyes, immediately rinse them with water. Wash exposed skin. Wash clothes that come in direct contact with spray separately from other laundry. Consult your health care provider if you think you are experiencing health effects from spraying.

**Steps you may want to take:** The materials used by Suffolk County Vector Control do not leave significant residues on surfaces, but exposure can be reduced even further. Pick homegrown fruits and vegetables you expect to eat soon before spraying takes place. Rinse homegrown fruits and vegetables (in fact all produce) thoroughly with water before cooking or eating. Bring laundry and small toys inside before spraying begins. (Wash with detergent and water if exposed to pesticides during spraying.) Bring pet food and water dishes inside, and cover ornamental fishponds during the spray period to avoid direct exposure.

**Questions about spraying or pesticides: Send an email to: [SC.Vector@suffolkcountyny.gov](mailto:SC.Vector@suffolkcountyny.gov) to learn**

Susan Haley, Prevention Program Manager, will be coming to speak- from Parents For Megan's Law & the Crime Victims Center

<http://www.parentsformeganslaw.org/> Message from the Director

Sex Offender Registration Tips Program 1 (888) ASK-PFML or Report Now From the website:

Most parents and community members believe that they are doing everything they can to protect children from sexual predators but the disturbing reality is that registered sex offenders are obtaining employment and volunteer positions across the country where they can have unfettered access to children. You may be aware of this type of situation right now and we can provide support and assistance. The Parents for Megan's Law Sex Offender Registration Tips (SORT) Program provides you an opportunity to report sex offenders failing to comply with registration laws, employment or residency restriction laws, possible violations of probation or parole or offenders in positions of trust with children.

Working with information received from the public and local, state and federal law enforcement, the SORT Program is responsible for removing numerous registered sex offenders from positions of trust where they had access to children. SORT Program Analysts have also received numerous tips which have led to registered sex offenders being brought into compliance on their registration, residency restrictions and conditions of probation or parole. Working collaboratively with social networking sites, the SORT Program is also responsible for the immediate removal of numerous registered sex offenders from Facebook and MySpace. Please utilize the SORT Program to help protect our most vulnerable. If you feel that you or a child are in immediate danger or have been the victim of a crime, please contact your local law enforcement agency immediately.

#### Megan's Law

Megan's Law is named after a 7-year-old Hamilton Township, New Jersey girl named Megan Nicole Kanka. On July 29, 1994, she was lured into her neighbor's home with the promise of a puppy and was brutally sexually assaulted and murdered by a two-time convicted sex offender who had been convicted in a 1981 attack on a 5-year-old child and an attempted sexual assault on a 7-year-old. Sparked by community outrage, petitions began circulating throughout the state of New Jersey demanding the right to be made aware of sexual predators. Megan's parents, Maureen and Richard Kanka, had gathered more than 430,000 signatures, and 89 days after Megan's disappearance the first state law that mandated active community notification was signed into law, New Jersey's Megan's Law.

The Kankas along with other advocates across the country, such as Marc Klaas, Patty Wetterling, John Walsh and many other victims and advocates, successfully lobbied federal lawmakers to pass the May 1996 federal version of Megan's Law. The Kanka family founded the Megan Nicole Kanka Foundation to ensure that every possible step is taken to help prevent the future victimization of children.

The federal version of Megan's Law differed drastically from New Jersey's version of Megan's Law. The federal law required all 50 states to release information to the public about known convicted sex offenders when it was necessary to protect their safety but did not mandate active notification. If a state failed to comply with minimal release of information standards established by the federal government, then that state risked losing federal crime-fighting funding. The federal mandate to release information to the public is often mistakenly referred to as community notification when, in actuality, the federal mandate required just the release of information to the public - not active notification. There is a significant difference between simply releasing information (making it available for the public to access on its own) and active community notification, where law enforcement officers or designated government agents actively go door to door or send out mailings to inform neighbors and schools. The federal Megan's Law did not require all 50 states to enact active notification laws, whereas New Jersey's state Megan's Law had specific requirements for active community notification.

From a Suffolk Legislative regular meeting of the Public Safety Committee of the Suffolk County Legislature was held in the Rose Y. Caracappa Legislative Auditorium of the William H. Rogers Legislature Building, 725 Veterans Memorial Highway, Smithtown, New York on Thursday, March 13, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.

Under the Parents for Megan's Law portion of the Sex Offender Management Plan. The agency is charged with in-person home address verifications for all of Suffolk County's registered sex offenders. Outside jurisdictions or jurisdictions outside of the Suffolk County Police Department have all been invited to join the program, as is offered in the contract that we entered into with the County. At this point, four of the jurisdictions have stated that they wanted to participate and they're in the process of making that happen in their local towns.

## Supervisor Romaine Announces PSEG Long Island Award of Feed-In-Tariff for Four Renewable Energy Generating Facilities on Town-Owned Sites *May 7, 2014*

Farmingville, NY – Farmingville, NY – At a press conference today, Brookhaven Town Supervisor Ed Romaine announced that the Town has been awarded a Feed-in-Tariff for solar arrays on four Town-owned sites. This is Phase Two of Long Islands’s multi-phase Clean Solar Initiative program, implemented by PSEG Long Island, designed to produce clean, renewable power for Long Island. The locations for the projects are the Town Landfill in Brookhaven hamlet, the Holtsville Ecology Site (pictured below), Brookhaven Calabro Airport in Shirley and the Manorville Compost Facility. The Town will lease the land to American Capital Energy, a solar developer, who will construct the solar arrays and sell the energy to PSE&G Long Island under a long term Power Purchase Agreement. The Town anticipates receiving funds of approximately \$4 million to \$5 million over the life of the systems for these initial four locations and awarded capacity.

The four Town-owned facilities were selected after a review was conducted by PSEG Long Island, on behalf of LIPA to determine the likelihood of a successful project. The 54,000 solar panels that will be installed are expected to generate 12 megawatts AC (15 megawatts DC) of electricity (18,000,000 kilowatt hours a year), enough to power 2,500 homes for 24 hours a day. The Town will lease the sites to American Capital Energy, Inc. (ACE), a solar developer who will cover the cost of all construction and maintenance. ACE will provide the power to LIPA through a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) with the utility company.

Supervisor Ed Romaine said, “Taking the Town green is a priority of my administration and this is a major step forward. By establishing a public/private partnership for our Renewable Energy Plan, we not only benefit the environment, but the taxpayers as well. We recently implemented the first Single Stream Recycling program on Long Island which has been very successful, and now this. Once again, Brookhaven is leading the way with an environmentally friendly program that produces substantial revenue for the Town at no cost to the taxpayer.” Farmingville, NY – Farmingville, NY – At a press conference today, Brookhaven Town Supervisor Ed Romaine announced that the Town has been awarded a Feed-in-Tariff for solar arrays on four Town-owned sites. This is Phase Two of Long Islands’s multi-phase Clean Solar Initiative program, implemented by PSEG Long Island, designed to produce clean, renewable power for Long Island. The locations for the projects are the Town Landfill in Brookhaven hamlet, the Holtsville Ecology Site (pictured below), Brookhaven Calabro Airport in Shirley and the Manorville Compost Facility. The Town will lease the land to American Capital Energy, a solar developer, who will construct the solar arrays and sell the energy to PSE&G Long Island under a long term Power Purchase Agreement. The Town anticipates receiving funds of approximately \$4 million to \$5 million over the life of the systems for these initial four locations and awarded capacity.

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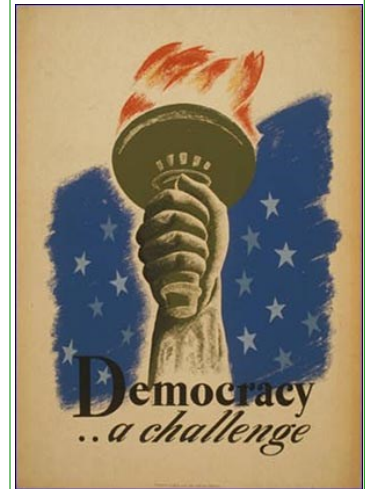


## PARTICIPATION IN GOVERNMENT AND CIVICS

### Grade 12: Participation in Government and Civics (NYSED Adopted 2014)

This New York State regents course aims to provide students with opportunities to become engaged in the political process by learning the knowledge and practicing the skills necessary for active citizenship. Participation in government and in our communities is fundamental to the success of American democracy.

**12.G1 FOUNDATIONS of AMERICAN DEMOCRACY:** The principles of American democracy are reflected in the Constitution and the Bill of Rights and in the organization and actions of federal, state, and local government entities. The interpretation and application of American democratic principles continue to evolve and be debated.



12.G1a Enlightenment ideas such as natural rights, the social contract, popular sovereignty, and representative government greatly influenced the framers of the Constitution and Bill of Rights.

12.G1b The Constitution created a unique political system that distributes powers and responsibilities among three different branches of government at the federal level and between state and federal governments. State constitutions address similar structures and responsibilities for their localities.

12.G1c Limited government is achieved through the separation of powers between three different branches. The system of checks and balances is part of this limited government structure at all levels of government.

12.G1d The rule of law is a system in which no one, including government, is above the law. The United States legal system has evolved over time as the result of implementation and interpretation of common law, constitutional law, statutory law, and administrative regulations.

12.G1e The powers not delegated specifically in the Constitution are reserved to the states. Though the power and responsibility of the federal government have expanded over time, there is an ongoing debate over this shift in power and responsibility.

12.G1f The Constitution includes a clearly defined and intentionally rigorous process for amendment. This process requires state and federal participation and allows the Constitution to evolve and change.

*Those who  
stand for  
nothing,  
fall for  
anything.*

*Alexander  
Hamilton*



Brookhaven Town officials plan to introduce a code change next month that would limit solar panel farms after proposals for solar arrays in Shoreham raised concerns, Supervisor Edward P. Romaine said.

The new law would ban solar farms in the core preservation areas of the state-protected Pine Barrens and give the town board greater control over future solar proposals, Romaine said in an interview. The town board will hold a public hearing on the proposed law on Jan. 8, he said.

Suffolk Legis. Sarah Anker called for a six-month moratorium on December 22, 2014 on large-scale solar projects in Brookhaven to halt a Shoreham sod farm proposal and future solar energy plans.

Brookhaven Supervisor Edward P. Romaine dismissed the idea of a moratorium. Instead, he said the town in January will consider a new code, which would give the town board more control over future solar proposals.



Romaine noted that two years ago when it was making land use changes, the town discussed the possibility that the sod farm would be turned into a solar farm in the future. LIPA trustees earlier this month authorized officials to pursue 11 solar arrays on large land parcels, including a number in Brookhaven.

Anker (D-Mt. Sinai) and other opponents said approval of the planned 60-acre solar farm moved too quickly and didn't include enough public input.

"Residents need a chance to catch their breath and get a chance to participate in the process," Anker said at a Shoreham news conference in the residential area next to the sod farm. She said solar projects should be better sited in light industrial areas or rooftops.