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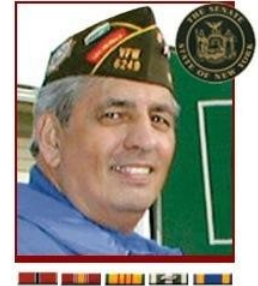
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Congressman Bishop to honor Joe Cognitore

September 4th—the first Tuesday in September—Congressman Bishop will be honoring Joe Cognitore. The Rocky Point Civic Association wishes to honor Joseph Cognitore, Commander of the VFW Fischer-Hewins Post # 6249 for his service to the community. Joe has been called the “Mayor of the North Shore,” and for good reason. Joe is always available to help Veteran’s causes, as well as local groups. Most recently, under his direction, the Suffolk County Veteran Commanders joined with the Long Island Home Builders Corporation to provide homes for wounded veterans and their families. He has helped the Wounded Warriors Annual Golf Outing raise money for soldiers injured during service or who are

experiencing hardships at home. Joe worked tirelessly on the creation of the Diamond in the Pines 9/11 Memorial in Coram, and on the German Shepherd Bronze Statue to honor the nation’s service dogs. He helped the local Historical Society on the creation of the Civil War Memorial at Depot Park, obtaining the memorial rock which contains the names of 13 Rocky Point residents who fought in the Civil War. Joe is a moving force in supporting veteran’s causes, including helping to ship goods to veterans and their families and providing transportation to post members for doctor and therapy visits. Community groups owe him a debt of gratitude for his support of local endeavors including the annual scholarships to Rocky

Point High School seniors and contributions to the Shoreham Wading River High School Sgt. Jonathan Keller Memorial Scholarship; support of local girl and boy scout troops; North Shore Youth Council events; the annual summer concert series; opening the VFW Hall to community organizations such as the civic association, the Historical Society, local flea markets and fund raisers and holiday parties. Not to be forgotten are the annual Memorial Day, Veterans Day, Pearl Harbor Day, and the St. Patrick’s Day Parades. Therefore, the Rocky Point Civic Associations extends its appreciation and gratitude to Commander Joe Cognitore for his dedication and commitment to the country and to the Rocky Point community.



Joseph A. Cognitore proudly served in Vietnam from April 1969 through March 1971, where he held the ranks of Acting Platoon Sergeant and Acting Platoon Leader. For his valor on the battlefield and for his service to country, Mr. Cognitore earned the Bronze Star and the Combat Infantry Badge, as well as the National Defense, Vietnam Service, Vietnam Campaign, and Air Medals. Mr. Cognitore has been a member of the VFW since 1973 and served as Commander and Quartermaster in VFW Post 6249, Rocky Point

Beautify Downtown

Kathy Weber, Treasurer, made contact with the owner of the Broadway and Main Street corner building in order to get approval to plant flowers and beautify part of downtown. June 9th was the Great Brookhaven Annual Plant-in. Kathy has a vision to....http://brookhaven.org/DesktopModules/Bring2mind/DMX/Download.aspx?Command=Core_Download&EntryId=4732&PortalId=0&TabId=134

Thank you Kathy!

Town of Brookhaven Superintendent of Highways John H. Rouse created the “Adopt-a-Spot” program to foster a partnership between the Town, residents, and local civic and service organizations to help beautify our roadways and create a sense of community pride among our residents. Also, The Highway Depart-

ment maintains greenhouses at the Holtville Ecology site in order to grow the plant materials provided for the Adopt-a-Spot program. Working side by side with our residents our personnel will help your organization to develop your chosen location. As part of this program your group will maintain the spot thereafter. Feel free to recruit local landscapers to aid you in your endeavor.

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Support the Rocky Point Farmers and Artisans Market at Old Depot Park 8AM—1 PM Sundays through November



The Rocky Point Civic Association recently honored Rocky Point resident and civic association member Linda Cathcart for her contributions to the community over the past twenty-plus years. Councilwoman Jane Bonner presented Ms. Cathcart with a certificate of appreciation and a proclamation from the Town of Brookhaven. "For over twenty years, Linda has been an invaluable asset to the Rocky Point community," Bonner said. "Her impact is felt throughout the area, whether she's cleaning up Hallock Cemetery or planting flowers at Old Depot Memorial Park. I thank Linda for her strong commitment to make Rocky Point a more beautiful place for our residents and visitors." She became a permanent resident of Rocky Point in 1982, although her family has lived there since 1950. Cathcart has been a member of the Rocky Point Civic Association for twenty years, serving as Membership Secretary for many of those years. Linda has also been a member of the Rocky Point Historical Society since its inception, and currently serves as its treasurer.



Beautify Downtown— September Guest Speaker

Adopt-a-Spot continued

you in your endeavor. A sign will be placed at your chosen location with your group's name to give recognition to the commitment you have made to the community. This program is a perfect example of our local government partnering with the community and local businesses to turn our highways into beautiful greenways! John H. Rouse, Superintendent of Highways

September Guest Speaker 8:15

Michelle DiBrita from Waste Management

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How do we reduce our garbage pile;

How can Rocky Point maximize recycling;

How do we reduce our costs in relation to the whole community;

And, the not so empty phrase: reduce, reuse, recycle;

A major concern is: where is the garbage that gets picked up twice a week going?

Are we contributing to a toxic plume somewhere?

Carmans?

The Civic would like to help? So how do we help?

RP Civics Nominating Committee—September agenda item

By-laws Section 1. The PRESIDENT shall appoint any Standing Committees. The President shall have the power to appoint additional committees whenever, and if he/she deems them necessary. However, all appointments to all committees must be approved by a majority of the Board of Trustees before they become valid. Section 2. The Vice President shall be the Nominating Committee Chairperson. Article 7: Meetings: The Association shall hold an Annual Meeting, in the month of November, for the election of Officers and Trustees and shall hold such regular and special meetings as may be deemed by the Board of Trustees. Elected Officers and Trustees will be sworn

in at the Annual Meeting, which is held during the month of December. Article 4: Candidates, Nominations. Section 2: Nomination and Election: A Nominating Committee consisting of five (5) members in good standing of the Association shall be appointed by the President in the month of September each year. The Vice President shall be deemed to be the Nominating Committee Chairperson. Such Committee shall nominate candidates for the various offices of the Association including Trustees. The names of the nominees selected must be presented to the members of the Association at the October meeting and at such time nominations may be made from

the floor by a member in good standing. Article 3C. Member in Good Standing: An individual shall be determined to be a member in good standing if (a) such a member has attended at least three (3) consecutive regular monthly meetings (i.e. April, May, June); and, (b) such an individual must be a resident of Rocky Point; and, (c) membership dues are current.



Source: <http://www.rpalumni.org/rpcivic/constitution.htm>

April Motions:

Motion was made by Pat Adamko to buy a brick for the VFW Search Dog 911 memorial. The cost was \$125. Motion was seconded and carried by unanimous vote. Motion was made by Linda Albo to donate \$500 to the VFW. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

It was suggested that the civics contact Traffic Safety to replace the missing street signs throughout the town. Linda Albo made a motion, Seconded by Joe C. vote was unanimous. A letter will be sent pending compilation of information.

"Best wishes to our Historical Society in their endeavor to establish a RP Museum Cultural Center in the Noah Hallock House."

Resolution to alter Intended Use Plan {3/6/12 minutes}

The Rocky Point Civic Association requests Suffolk County removal of the proposed Rocky Point Sewer District from the Intended Use Plan (IUP) for Clean Water State Revolving Fund for Water Pollution Control along with any other considerations that are pending for this proposed project. In the Final Intended Use Plan for Federal Fiscal Year 2012, this proposal is listed on page B-16 and is project number C1-5141-01-00. The concept for a sewer district originated with the Rocky Point Civic Association (RPCA) and its Land Use Committee in 2008. Per the attached memo

from Ben Wright to file, the then President of the RPCA, Drew Martin and the then Land Use Committee Chair, Richard Johanssen, met with your predecessor, D. Losquadro to request a feasibility study be performed for this project. At that time there was minimal community-wide support for this project. The feasibility study showed that the project would be cost prohibitive without a major portion of the costs being covered by public funds. After the feasibility report was issued, Mr. Losquadro announced that the project would be too expensive to initiate so it would not go forward.

However he did not request to have the proposal removed from the IUP. As you know, adding or removing a project from the IUP can only occur through a written request from the Chief Engineer of the Suffolk County Department of Public Works, Ben Wright (or a successor) from instruction by the Suffolk County Executive in collaboration with our SC Legislator. Therefore the membership of the RPCA requests your help in having the proposed Rocky Point Sewer District removed from the IUP along with any other considerations.



Legislator, Sarah Anker speaks at March meeting

Sarah Anker presented a proclamation to Janene Gentile of the North Shore Youth Council for 35 years of service to the community.

falls under Town jurisdiction but she will not support a plan for sewers if we do not want it. She will write letters to the town and lobby on our behalf.

Suffolk County Budget - \$530 million deficit over 3 years.

Public Safety Red Alert System on Sarah's website; Tesla property - museum pending; She is on the BNL Legislative committee.

TDR - Drive-in plan was for 17 acres with 10 houses/acre. It is currently zoned recreational. Make sure it remains recreational. "Do not unlock the box" She stated that she is not for high density.

Rails to Trails - is awaiting resolution of the litigation with LIPA. Funding is available. She asked if we were in favor of the project. Her impression is that opinion is split.

Sewers - the County does not approve the plans for sewers. That

Summer concert series and restaurant week planned for this summer. Funded through the Hotel/Motel tax.

She is the Education Chair in the Suffolk County Legislature. Continued support for the Workforce development program at Suffolk Community College Brentwood Campus. This program trains students in manufacturing, plumbing, electrical work, welding and other trades.

Legislative Resolutions pending: Decrease the health permit process time for businesses who want to expand.

Don't Frack with Long Island - Ban on Hydrofracturing Fluid being brought to L.I. for disposal in our sewer systems.

"Don't Frack with Long Island"

Sarah Anker

Membership and Financial Reports

Membership Report: As of June, 2012, we had 110 fully paid up members.

- Raffles \$56
- Holiday Dinner (\$449)
- Income \$868

Year end report - 2010

Year end report - 2011

Membership Dues: \$1,261

Membership Dues: \$1,370

Volunteers Needed

Most recent balances 2012

- Checking \$2,624.62
- Savings \$3097.00
- Petty Cash \$20.33



Volunteers Needed for Farmers Market Octoberfest event.

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The Rocky Point Civic Association was founded to promote the welfare and quality of life in Rocky Point and the surrounding community. We are a 501C4 not for profit organization.



Rocky Point

Annual Dues \$10; \$15 Family; meeting first Tuesdays at the VFW on King Road

Schedule: Sept 4th Oct 2nd Nov 6th and Dec 4th; 7:30 PM to 9 PM

In 1911 a Rocky Point tradition began when Hugh McCarrick arrived from Ireland and began selling milk. The McCarrick's dairy farm on Rt. 25A eventually changed to a delicatessen store and real estate business by 2000. This is the oldest continuing business in Rocky Point today. In the 1920s the NY Daily Mirror advertised land for sale in the "North Shore Beach" of Rocky Point in conjunction with the LIRR. Lots were offered for \$89.50. Thus Rocky Point became a popular summer vacation for many from Brooklyn and Queens. In 1929, the North Shore Beach Property Owners Association was formed and the Clubhouse built. The heavy use of Rocky Point as a summer community lasted till the latter part of the century when most summer homes were eventually converted to year round homes. As of the census of 2010, there were 10,739 people, 3,557 households, and 2,592 families residing in Rocky Point. There were 3,949 housing units at an average density of 381.7/sq mi (147.3/km²). The median income for a household was \$52,463, and the median income for a family was \$60,423.

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**Rocky Point
Farmers and
Artisans Market
Steering Committee**

Meg Reidy

Jane Bonner

Charlie Bevington

In April, Jim Weber made a motion to go forward with the Rocky Point Farmers Market. Maureen O'Keefe seconded. The motion was carried by unanimous vote. Since then the Rocky Point Farmers and Artisans Market has grown to 20 vendors.

Organic Farmers Natural Earth Farms (Marie and Anthony, Calverton) and Monarch Landing Farm (Julie and Peter, Moriches), Davis Peach Farms and Finks farms have joined us. Other agricultural vendors are Sunburst Shrubs (Maria), Naturally Grass Fed (Richard and Barbara), and most recently Rocky Point Artisan Brewers.

Artisans that are selling their homemade products are AnnaLee and family (Windsong Soap/hand dyed yarns/copper products), Julie (pottery and jewelry), Justin (cedar products), and others.

The market has applied to and was accepted to the NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets to be part of the NYS Farmers' Market Nutrition Program. In its 25th year this program has partnered to enhance

local farmers' viability and to increase awareness of nutrition for WIC participants and low-income senior households. The market will work with Cornell Cooperative Extension to implement the program.

The program is needed for Rocky Point because as of 2010, 6.7% of families and 7.7% of the population were below the poverty line, including 9.0% of those under age 18 and 5.3% of those age 65 or over.

The market runs through to the end of November. The Farmers' Market was conceived to create awareness and understand the connection between purchased food and how local farmers contribute to the food -to-table market. Support your local farmers!

Town's Bipartisan Redistricting Commission

The Town of Brookhaven's bipartisan Redistricting Commission will hold its upcoming working meetings at Town Hall starting on Monday August 13. During the month of July, the commis-

sion held public hearings in each council district to permit Town residents, advocates, community groups and others to present their views on how the Town Council's district lines should be redrawn.

The schedule of working meetings is as follows:

Monday, August 13 at 4:00 p.m. 3rd floor Work Session Room
Wednesday, August 22 at 4:00 p.m. 3rd floor Work Session Room
Monday, September 10 at 4:00 p.m. 3rd floor Work Session Room
Wednesday, September 12 at 4:00 p.m. 3rd floor Work Session Room

A public hearing will be held on Thursday, September 6 at 6:30 p.m. in the 2nd floor Media Room. For more information and links to census maps and the on-line registration form for the Town's Redistricting Commission Public Hearings, visit www.brookhaven.org/Committees/RedistrictingCommission.aspx.