

# May Newsletter 2013

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## 2013 Meeting Dates:

January 8  
February 5  
March 5  
April 2  
**May 7**  
June 4  
July 9  
No August Meeting  
September 10

The Rocky Point UFSD public hearing regarding the 2013-2014 budget will be held on May 7th at 5:30 PM in the FJC library. Vote 3rd Tuesday  
**MAY 21ST**

## Civic Meeting April 2nd Minutes

### Civic meeting minutes – 4/2/13

7:38 Pledge of Allegiance

### Board in attendance

Charles Bevington, President

Kathy Weber, Treasurer

Pat Adamko, Corresponding Secretary

Joan Sele, Membership Chair

Virginia Heslin, Trustee

Jennifer Mertz -Trustee

Minutes of the March 5th meeting were read (included in the Newsletter). No corrections, no discussion. Maureen O'Keefe made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Second by Rory Rubino All in favor. The motion carried.

Corresponding Secretary Report

Announcement from Jane Bonner's office is offering tax grievance information at the Rose Caracappa Senior Center on April 4th and Shed the Meds on April 6th 10-1pm

### TREASURERS REPORT:

April 1, 2013 balances

Checking \$1,350.78

Savings \$3,099.20

Cash  \$20.33

Total  
\$4,470.31

The RP Civics association applied for a \$1000 Legislative grant through the Department of Community Projects to help fund communication, event announcements, newsletters etc. No update on the \$1000 Legislative Grant.

Veterans Resolution (attached) was read and signed by Legislator Sarah Anker, VFW Post Commander Joe Cognitore and Civic President Charles Bevington. The resolution was signed by the members of the Rocky Point Civics in attendance.

Legislator, Sarah Anker presented a Certificate of Notable Recognition to Mike Armondo for the rain garden on Acadia Road. The rain garden has reduced the storm water runoff into the Sound at Hallock Landing Road.

Announcements from Legislator Anker:

There may be grants available for future rain garden.

May 21st there will be a Blood Drive at the train car on the corner of 347 and 112 from 2-7pm.

June 13th the Long Island Housing Partnership will provide home ownership assistance at Heritage Park. Downtown Rocky Point Concert Series will have 4 shows this year. Strawberry Fields, Swingtime, a Rolling Stones Tribute band and Big Shot will perform.

July 31st there will be an Anti-bullying awareness night with local performers

The Friends of the Tesla Museum are moving forward with their plans to acquire the site

A contract has been signed for the purchase of the Hallock House by the Historical Society for future preservation.

Legislator Anker has been working on an Internship Program in coordination with local businesses to encourage young people to stay local.

LAND USE COMMITTEE REPORT: The committee reviewed grants and Business Improvement District (BID). They will reach out to other communities who already have implemented a BID; discussed a grant possibility for a sidewalk along Broadway near Locust to enhance safety. Community Planning Center sponsored by ABCO on 2/28/13 attended by Joan Sele and Kathy Weber. Civics encouraged to partner with School District and other groups in town; Urged members to attend Town Board meetings; Suggested joining the Long Island Regional Economic Council to represent our community.

Sarah Anker discussed groundwater quality on Long Island and introduced Sarah Meyland, Associate Professor at NYIT in the Department of Environmental Technology School of Engineering and Computing Sciences and the Director of the Center for Water Resource Management.

Sarah Meyland presented "Protecting Our Aquifer" a geographic overview of our water

## Minutes—continued and Farmers Market Update

*NASA scientist James Hansen famously warned that if the Keystone XL pipeline gets built, it's "game over" for the climate. That dire warning by one of America's foremost climate scientists says that if the proposed Keystone XL oil pipeline is built to tap the tar sands of Alberta, Canada, the impact on the Earth's climate will be devastating.*

*"Essentially, it's game over for the planet," said James Hansen, the head of NASA's Goddard Institute for Space Studies.*

*Building the pipeline would hasten the extraction of exceptionally dirty crude oil, using huge amounts of water and heat, from the tar sands, which would then be piped across the United States, refined, and burned as fuel, releasing a vast new volume of greenhouse gas into the atmosphere, reporter Mayer writes.*

*"The tar sands' oil deposits and the pipeline, pose a powerful test of America's resolve to develop cleaner sources of energy, as Barack Obama had promised to do in the 2008 campaign," Mayer said.*

*As the pipeline crosses an international border, the lead role in evaluating the project is being made by Secretary of State.*

<http://www.opednews.com/articles/Game-Over-For-Planet>

supply, the pollutants that threaten our water quality and the lack of oversight and management of this all important resource. Ms. Meylands goal is to create a compact between different agencies to oversee the protection and maintenance of our water supply. This compact would involve local government, academics, environmentalist and other civic members. Other areas of NYS have such compacts. Long Island does not.

### President's Report

Congratulations to Scott O'Brien, Ed.D, Principal of the Rocky Point Middle School for receiving the St. John's University Leaders in Education Award.

Rocky Point Farmers' Market will open May 12th at Old Depot Park

The speaker at the May meeting will be Dave Johnson, Coastal Stewards

Joe Cognitore presented the Rocky Point Civic Association with a Certificate from the Suffolk County Veterans Service Agency "In appreciation of your support to the Veterans

Call for members' \$10 Annual and \$15 Family Dues Renew Now



of Suffolk County"

Joe Cognitore made a motion to adjourned. Seconded by Rory Rubino.

50/50 was won and donated Back. Give to the local food pantries.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20pm.

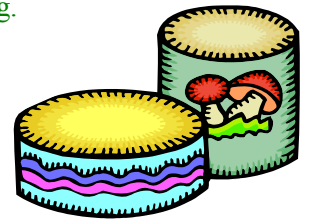
### Farmers Market:

Planning has taken place to continue the sponsorship of the Rocky Point Farmers and Artisans Market. The steering committee meeting was well attended. Susan Wilk from Cornell presented a 4' by 16' banner to promote the market. It has the healthy meals logo and was gladly accepted by the Civics.

The Town of Brookhaven has approved all the necessary permits for the location at Broadway and Prince Street.

Several vendors have already paid the \$125 fee. The goals this year are (1) to increase the number of vendors from 16 to 20. We anticipate adding one more organic farmer to our group. May 12th the farmers market opens for the 2013 season.

Support our local food pantries and donate canned goods at every Civic meeting.



**The following “Veterans” Resolution was signed by about thirty residents and sent to Washington, D.C.**

**Rocky Point, New York, April 2, 2013, VFW, King Rd and Broadway, Rocky Point Civic Association Meeting**

**“Veterans” Resolution was read and signed.**

Whereas, The White House has used the \$1 million per soldier statistic in private briefings to Congress, and that, if it costs \$1 million to send one soldier to war for a year, and

Whereas, Dov Zakheim, a former chief financial officer for the Defense Department, says the \$1 million price tag includes getting the soldier to Afghanistan, getting his equipment to Afghanistan, and moving the soldier around once in the country, and

Whereas, Our recent Veterans are seeking care at VA more than ever before. VA data show that from 2002 to 2009, 1 million troops left active duty in Iraq or Afghanistan and became eligible for VA care. Of those troops, 46% came in for VA services. Of those Veterans who used VA care, 48% were diagnosed with a mental health problem, and

Whereas, Research studies have found that certain factors make it more likely that OEF/OIF service members will develop PTSD. The top five factors include:

- Longer deployment time, ■ More severe combat exposure, such as: ◦ Deployment to "forward" areas close to the enemy
- Seeing others wounded or killed , ■ More severe physical injury, ■ Traumatic brain injury, ■ Lower rank and Lower level of schooling

And Whereas, the Veterans Affairs Office of Public Health and Environmental Hazards. (February, 2010). Analysis of VA health care utilization among Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF) and Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF) veterans. Washington, DC, has determined the need is not being addressed, and

Whereas, the financial accountability of the health and welfare of our returning and rereturning veterans should be of the highest priority,

Therefore, we the following signatories request that you, Mr. President, act in good faith, and sign an executive order, by moving \$1,000,000 from the Budget of the Pentagon/Department of Defense to the Budget of the Office of Veteran Affairs for the purpose of long term care for our Veterans for each returning and rereturning veteran.

Respectfully, Submitted,

Charles T. Bevington Ed.D. CO, President Rocky Point Civic Association, and direct descendent of one of the Morgan's Rifleman serving under George Washington,

Sarah Anker, County Legislator, Sixth Legislative District, Co-Chair Veterans Committee, Suffolk County, New York;

Joe A. Cognitore, Commander VFW, 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., , Rocky Point, New York, and

Members of the Rocky Point Civic Association in attendance April 2, 2013

# “Environmental Restoration and Our Beaches”

David Johnson, award winning environmental crusader, formed The Coastal Steward in May 2005. The Coastal Steward’s focus is environmental restoration. Johnson is very excited about the Adopt-A-Beach program. According to Johnson, “The Coastal Steward program is needed, and it’s time has come.”

Anyone can get involved in the Adopt-A-Beach or the Sponsor-A-Beach programs. Individuals, businesses, civic organizations and government agencies can all sponsor or adopt a beach. Beach cleanups generally cover up to a half a mile of beach by fifty feet and are scheduled depending on breeding seasons, weather, tides and other factors.



“If anyone is still wondering about our climate changes, just look back to Sandy and the tremendous power Mother Nature has. I have been organizing beach cleanups twenty four years now and it takes a lot to shock me as much as Sandy did. We just cleaned 28.82 tons of debris off Miller Place Beach in 2012 and it looks ten times worst than it did before we cleaned it. We are trying to find some sponsors for the huge job at hand there.” Join the fun!

## May 7th Agenda:

Pledge of Allegiance 7:30 PM  
Roll call of Officers and Trustees  
Reading of Minutes of Previous Meeting  
Report of Officers  
Report of Committees  
  
COPE Report  
Old Business  
  
Land Use Committee Report  
New Business:  
Guest Speaker 8:00 PM.  
Good and Welfare of the Association.  
Motion to Adjourn 9:00 PM

## ROCKY POINT CIVIC ASSOCIATION-

**President** - Charles T. Bevington Ed.D.

**Vice President** -

**Treasurer** - Kathy Weber

**Recording Secretary** -

**Corresponding Secretary** Pat Adamko

**Sergeant at Arms** -

**Membership Secretary** - Joan Sele

**Trustee** - Jennifer Maertz- Virginia Heslin

## Long Island Aquifers

The aquifers underlying Long Island are among the most prolific in the country. Almost all of Long Island's drinking water is from groundwater with surface water an insignificant contributor. According to the USGS Estimated Use of Water in the United States in 2000, Nassau and Suffolk counties utilized more than 375 million gallons of groundwater per day for public, domestic, industrial, and irrigation uses.

The three most important Long Island aquifers: Upper Glacial Aquifer, the Lloyd Aquifer, and the Magothy Aquifer.

The Upper Glacial Aquifer is an unconfined aquifer directly underlying the ground surface. The Upper Glacial aquifer was formed during the last ice age. Of note, the Harbor Hill Moraine and Ronkonkoma Moraine represent two different glacial advances and run roughly east to west for the length of Long Island. They comprise poorly sorted glacial till (sand, pebbles, rock, boulders) deposited at the glacier's leading edge. Found between these moraines and to the south, are outwash plains of well sorted sand and gravel.

The Magothy is the largest of Long Island's aquifers. Consisting of sand deposits alternating with clay, it attains a maximum thickness of approximately 1,100 feet and is the source of water for most of Nassau County and about half of Suffolk County. The formation can be seen in the coastal bluffs of the north shore and plunges under the land surface to the south.

The Raritan Formation underlies the Magothy. Its two primary units are an upper clay member and a lower sand member named the Lloyd Sand. The clay member separates the Magothy and Lloyd aquifers and serves as a confining unit for the underlying Lloyd Sand aquifer. The clay member has a maximum thickness of 300 feet.

The Lloyd Aquifer is the deepest and oldest of Long Island's aquifers. It is a sand and gravel formation ranging in thickness from zero to five hundred feet. At its deepest, it is 1,800 feet below the surface. The water contained in the Lloyd aquifer is about six thousand years old. Not many wells tap this formation and New York Environmental Conservation Law §15-1528 establishes a moratorium on the use of water from this formation in order to maintain it for future generations. The Lloyd is underlain by bedrock.

There are three other geologic units which do not underlie all of Long Island but are of local importance. In Brooklyn and Southern Queens counties, the upper glacial aquifer is underlain by the Pleistocene Gardiners Clay (serving as a confining layer) and the Jameco Gravel Aquifer. On the south shore of Long Island, the upper Cretaceous Monmouth Group overlies and forms a confining unit for the Magothy Aquifer.

For a more detailed explanation of Long Island's hydrogeology, check the USEPA link in the right margin. For highly detailed information, check the United States Geological Survey online publications search engine (see the right margin of this page) and type in "Long Island" in the keyword area.

Bureau of Water Resource Management Division of Water 625 Broadway Albany, NY 12233-3508 518-402-8233

Leak Facts from the Suffolk County Water Authority <http://www.scwa.com/education/>

10 percent of homes have leaks that waste 90 gallons or more per day.

A constantly running toilet can waste more than 200 gallons of water every day. Toilets are notorious for hidden leaks, the greatest cause of customer complaints about a high water bill.

A leaky faucet or showerhead that drips at the rate of one drip per second can waste more than 3,000 gallons per year.

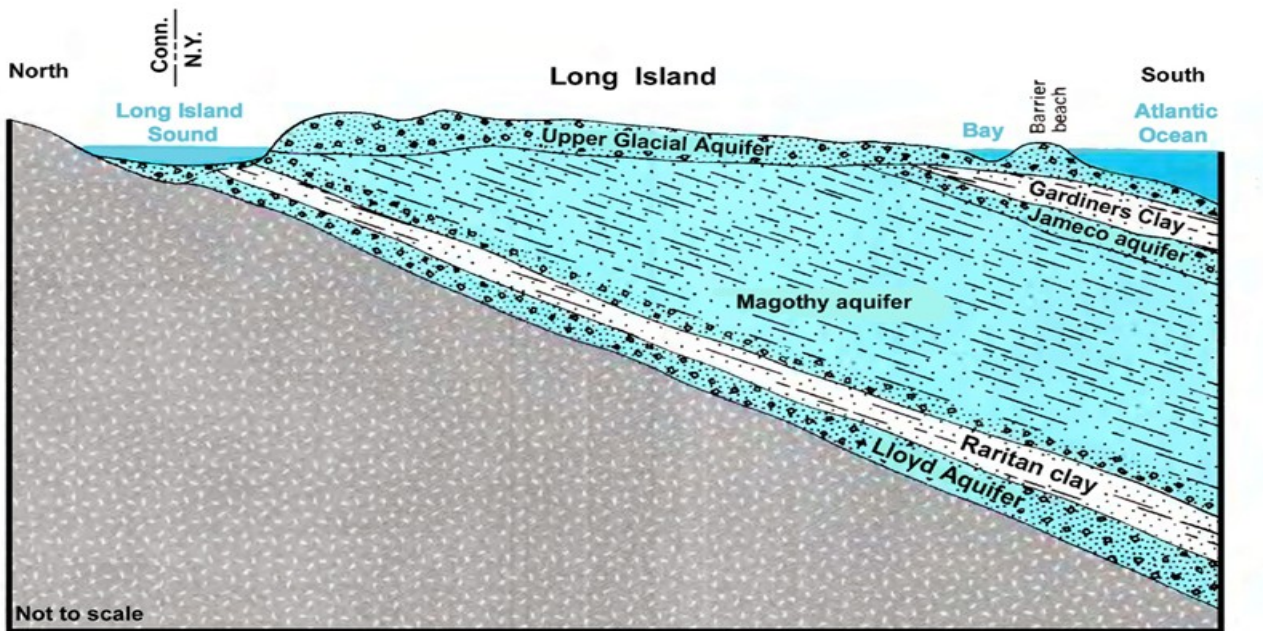
A showerhead leaking 10 drips per minute wastes enough water in a year to run the dishwasher 60 times.

An irrigation system at 60 PSI with a leak the thickness of a dime can waste about 6,300 gallons of water per month

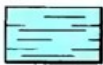
Drinking water on Long Island comes from underground aquifers. The quality of this abundant supply must be protected, and we must use our supply wisely. The best way to protect our groundwater is to not pollute our aquifers. This section of our website provides information and offers tools for you to become “groundwater guardians” and help protect our most precious natural resource.

All of the water we supply to you comes from beneath the ground and is referred to as groundwater. The water is stored beneath the ground in a sandy, geological formation known as the Aquifer System. Water in the Aquifer System originates as precipitation (such as rain and snow), which slowly percolates down through the soil and into the aquifers. There are four primary formations which are layered and make up the Long Island Aquifer System. From the shallowest to the deepest, these formations are:

Glacial – Contains the newest water to the groundwater system. The Authority has 268 wells drawing from this portion



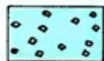
#### Explanation



Clay



Sand clay, clayey sand, and silt



Gravel



Sand



Consolidated rock

of the system. Virtually all private wells draw from the Glacial Aquifer. Magothy – is the largest of the three formations and holds the most water, much of which is hundreds of years old. There are 329 Authority wells drawing from this portion of the aquifer. Raritan – a clay layer that separates the Magothy and Lloyd aquifers. Some portions of the Raritan contain permeable, sandy formations that hold enough water to pump from. The Authority has 3 wells in the Raritan.

Lloyd – is the largely untapped layer which contains the oldest water, some of which has been held in the Aquifer System for more than 5,000 years. The Authority has 3 Lloyd wells. The total depth of the Long Island Aquifer System is shallowest on the north shore (approximately 600 feet) and deepest along the south shore (approximately 2000 feet).

Dear Local Concerned Citizen,

This year, the Climate Reality Project will conduct trainings around the world for the next generation of Climate Leaders, who will in turn become part of the Climate Reality Leadership Corps. Already, more than 4,000 Climate Leaders from 58 countries are educating people about the climate crisis and how we can solve it. I want to personally invite you to join this global community of change-makers.

**[Click here to learn more about the Climate Reality Leadership Corps and apply to become a Climate Leader and join this global community today.](#)**

More than ever before, the climate crisis is creating a new reality for millions around the world. From Australian farmers losing their crops to bushfires, to New Yorkers rebuilding neighborhoods devastated by Superstorm Sandy, to crippling droughts throughout Central and Eastern Asia, Mexico and the Southwestern U.S. that are compromising the regions' food security—the consequences of the climate crisis are growing more intense. Even as the severity of the climate crisis grows, many people don't yet understand how it touches them personally or what they can do about it.

**[We need more Climate Leaders across the world to lead a carbon conversation about solutions and spread the truth about the climate crisis. Join us to become one of these leaders today.](#)**

In a three-day training, including sessions that I lead, Climate Leaders learn the latest climate science and best practices for connecting the dots between the facts about climate change and the daily lives of their audiences, in simple and accessible terms. They emerge as energized and skilled communicators with the knowledge, tools, and passion to educate and empower diverse audiences and communities to help solve the climate crisis. I invite you to become a part of this network.

**[Click here to apply for our training in Istanbul in June or in Chicago in July.](#)**

Together, we have an enormous opportunity to communicate the reality of climate change. With your help as a Climate Leader, we can do this person by person, family by family, and city by city. I have faith that when enough minds are changed, we will cross a threshold, and we can accomplish this goal together. [Apply to join us today.](#)

Sincerely,

Al Gore

Chairman, The Climate Reality Project

[info@climatereality.com](mailto:info@climatereality.com)

## COPE Reports:

Rocky Point News: On March 12 a man aged 39 of Sound Beach entered a Citgo Gas Station on 25A in Rocky Point, brandishing a pistol and fled with \$300, he was arrested 1/2 hour later after police found him at a gas station up the road, getting ready for another armed robbery. He was driving a red Nissan. On June 26 he also allegedly sold a ring he knew was stolen to Diamond Jewelers in Seldon. The ring was valued at \$100. About a month later he also took money out of the register at Gracies in Rocky Point.

On March 12th someone pried open the front door of a home on Aloma Road in Rocky Point, between the hours of 8am and 3PM and stole assorted jewelry and a flat screen TV.

On March 20th someone entered a home on Uranus Road in Rocky Point, in an unknown way. They stole a power drill and drill bit between the hours of 10:30 and 3PM.

The Rocky Point Cycle Shop was burglarized and several shoplifters at Kohl's were apprehended. Police arrested a man in Calverton Hills at 192 Hill Circle, for gang activity and possession of 90 bags of Heroin. The 7th precinct is on the low end of crime activity in Suffolk County. There is gang activity in the 7th precinct. 101 known gang members all residing in Mastic, Mastic Beach, Shirley. Rocky Point has 1 gang member.

Police warn of County Wide car theft. Please lock your cars at all times. Thieves particularly interested in GPS devices. Crime trends continue to be stealing copper from unoccupied houses. If you see some suspicious activity in unoccupied homes, call police.

St Patrick's Parade was very well behaved. At 6PM 3 DWI arrests and 4 arrests for drunkenness near Carmody's. Reports of auto stripping of hi-end vehicles in Rocky Point. Stealing the catalytic convertor.

The North Brookhaven Chamber of Commerce office, the railroad car at the intersection of Routes 112 and 347 in Terryville, has been vandalized, according to a report in the The Village Beacon Record. The report states that the car was broken into on April 2. Furniture was reportedly turned over, file cabinets and their contents were thrown around and cigarettes were burned into the new carpet. It is believed that whoever broke into the car knew the code to enter as there was no sign of a forced entry. The chamber is reportedly asking for someone to come forward as they would not press charges but instead ask for service.

A Rocky Point woman, working for the U.S. Postal Service, was convicted recently by the U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of New York for stealing over \$11,500 in unemployment benefits.

- A woman, 19, of Rocky Point, was arrested April 11 in Rocky Point and charged with petty larceny, a misdemeanor. She took cookware from Kohl's and attempted to return item for refund, according to police.
- A man, 54, of Port Jefferson Station, was arrested April 10 in Rocky Point and charged with third-degree burglary, a felony. He was arrested at Kohl's in Rocky Point at approximately 6 p.m. after allegedly stealing property.

In an interview in March – shortly after he stepped into his new role as commanding officer of the Sixth Precinct – Insp. Thomas P. noted that the Upper Port/Port Jefferson Station area was one area he particularly wanted to focus on, and work toward cleaning up. He and other officers laid out a plan they hope will take a long-term approach in doing just that, focusing specifically on the commercial corridor of Route 112, from Route 347 to North Country Road.