

ROCKY POINT CIVICS ASSOCIATION FEBRUARY MARCH

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CIVIC SPEAKER—

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2015 Meeting Dates: First Tuesdays

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

January 6, 2015

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call of Officers and Trustees

President - Kathy Weber

Recording Secretary TBD

Corresponding Secretary

Pat Adamko

Treasurer Susan Wilson

Sergeant at Arms Charles

T. Bevington Ed.D.

Trustee Virginia Heslin

Trustee Susan Bevington

Trustee Rory Rubino

Membership Secretary

TBD

Absent, Excused: Al Hanson VP

On a motion by Susan Wilson, and seconded by Dr. Bevington, and passed by those present, the reading of the minutes of the December meeting was waived.

Report of Officers

Treasurers Report: Susan Wilson

January 6, 2015 Balances

Checking \$1,053.01

Savings \$1,901.46

Membership Report: 175 existing members + 7 new members = 182 members

Corresponding Secretary Report: Pat Adamko

Town of Brookhaven meeting on 1/8/15 regarding the solar issue in Shoreham New York Metropolitan Transportation Council Notice of Comment Period regarding proposed transportation improvement program amendments and the public review of the YMTC's Draft 2050 population and employment forecasts.

Cope Report: John Boyle, COPE Sgt. And Billy Cunningham.

The next police exam is scheduled for 6/13/15. Literature was left regarding the exam. There should be good hiring off the upcoming list. There is no college requirement; a GED is acceptable.

The crime stats from 12/2/14 to 1/6/15 showed an uneventful month as per the officers. There were 38 criminal instances including petit larcenies. There were no arrests during the past month. Ten to twelve Rocky Point residents attended the 7th precinct meeting last month. Good turnout from Rocky Point. The meetings are the third Thursday of the month at 7 PM. Follow up discussion on the December "Somerset Rd." issue. The person that

once lived in the house on Somerset is now living in Riverhead.

President Weber stated that she would try to get a representative from DSS to attend a future meeting as a speaker. Councilwoman Jane Bonner spoke regarding DSS and placement in Rocky Point. In addition, Town of Brookhaven Law Investigator, Pat Campbell, shared information on the guidelines for defining a family that lives in a home in the Town of Brookhaven.

Legislator Sara Anker also addressed DSS issues and apologized for not knowing about the sex offender on Somerset last month when she attended the December 2 meeting.

Land Use:

The Civic needs to establish a 2015 ad-hoc land use committee. The Vice President will lead the committee. There will be another garden tour scheduled for 2015—volunteers are needed. Farmers Market Committee: Dr. Charles Bevington

The committee was reformulated by President



2014 Volunteers

Rocky Point Civic Association

President - Kathy Weber

Vice President - Al Hanson

Treasurer - Susan Wilson

Recording Secretary—Open Position

Corresponding Secretary Pat Adamko

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

Membership Secretary Open Position

Trustees -

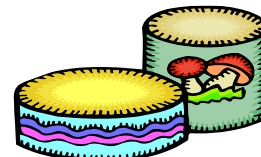
Rory Rubino,

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 Sundays 8AM—1PM May through Nov

WIC & Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program

The New York State Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (FMNP) provides checks to low-income, nutritionally at-risk families enrolled in the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) and Senior Nutrition Programs. The checks are redeemable for fresh fruits and vegetables at participating farmers' markets. The purpose of the program is to promote improved nutrition through increased consumption of locally grown fresh fruits and vegetables. It is also intended to expand sales at farmers' markets. The Department collaborates with the New York State Department of Health, the New York State Office for the Aging, and Cornell Cooperative Extension in administering the program.

Farmers must sign up annually with a manager of the market(s) in which they plan to participate. Farmers will receive participation materials from the Department after we are notified by the market manager. There is no fee to participate. WIC clients receive benefits automatically provided that their local WIC agency participates in the Program. FMNP checks are issued one per household, not by individual.

Seniors receive their FMNP checks from local senior centers. Eligible seniors must be at least 60 years of age and be receiving benefits through Social Security, public assistance, food stamps, HEAP, or section 8 housing or earn less than \$1,670 per month for a single senior or \$2,246 for a couple.

For more information on participation in the Farmers' Market Nutrition Program and how to redeem FMNP checks, please contact us at Farmers-Markets@agriculture.ny.gov.

WIC Vegetables and Fruits Checks at Farmers' Markets

The WIC Vegetables and Fruits Check Program (WIC VF) is the program started in 2009 that provides WIC moms and kids with monthly checks of \$6.00 for kids and \$10.00 for moms. These checks can be used either at grocery stores or farmers markets to purchase fruits and vegetables. To participate in this program farmers must fill out an application and agreement in addition to their FMNP application and attend annual training specifically for the WIC Vegetables and Fruits Check Program. The application and agreement are in effect for 3 years at which time the farmer must complete a new application and agreement. <http://www.agriculture.ny.gov/AP/agsservices/marketing.html>

Weber. Dr. Bevington spoke briefly regarding the dues and budget for the market and stated that he would hope to have a small surplus in the coming year. Anyone interested in helping should contact Dr. Bevington.

Guest Speaker—Susan Haley, Program Manager from Parents for Megan’s Law

Ms. Haley presented a one-hour, information program entitled, “The Apple of My Eye: Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Program.” The Apple of My Eye presentation identified 10 Parent Prevention Tips, 27 Tricks Sexual Predators Use To Access Children and 11 Red Flags To Watch Out For. It also provided Rules for Safety to help prevent sexual abuse and abduction.

In summary, Ms. Haley shared the following:

Most child sexual abuse, up to 90%, occurs with someone a child has an established and trusting relationship with, whether known or not by the parent, and who is often a person in a position of authority. Teaching children about stranger danger is misleading and does not address the reality that most children know and trust those who abuse them. Sexual predators are smart, extremely cunning and often individuals you least expect would commit such crimes. Sometimes they are the well-respected pillars of the community. They develop elaborate schemes and go to great extents to do anything to get access to children.

Sex offender notifications give us an opportunity to be made aware of those offenders who have been caught and convicted and to take necessary precautions such as not allowing our children to develop relationships with registrants. Do not make the mistake of believing that you and your children will be safe by focusing all of your prevention efforts on those that have been caught and convicted. This false sense of security gives sexual predators that have not been caught and convicted the opportunity to access and sexually victimize children.

Old Business

Joe Sanders asked the Civic again to consider donating \$500 to the VFW for all their support. This donation will be visited again at a future date as the Civic treasury could not support the donation at this time. A certificate of appreciation was awarded by Joe Cognitore and the VFW for the Annual Golf Outing. The Rocky Point St. Patrick’s Day Parade will be on March 15. The US Navy Band will play this year and there is a free concert at the Rocky Point High School on March 16.

New Business

Marie Stewart from Brooklyn Bagels shared that she was sponsoring a business owners meeting at her store on January 26 at 7 PM.

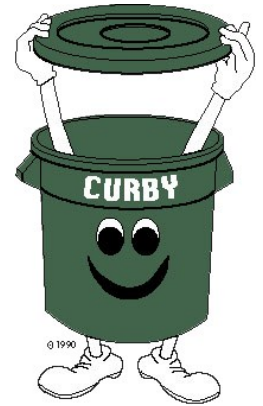
Brendan Solano won the 50-50 and donated the funds back to the Civic.

Motion to Adjourn A Motion to Adjourn was made and seconded. Motion passed by members present. Next meeting is February 3, 2015)Postponed due to weather to March 3rd.

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

Public Educational Forum on Disposable Bag Pollution Hosted by the Village of Patchogue

Learn how disposable bags hurt wildlife, our waterways, and our communities

Single-use disposable bags litter our communities, waste natural resources, kill wildlife, and pollute waterways—prompting a global movement to get rid of these unnecessary and environmentally harmful bags. Policy makers from China to California to Italy, and even locally in East Hampton and Southampton, have banned plastic bags and promoted BYOB (Bring Your Own Bag) alternatives. Now, the Village of Patchogue is considering jumping on the bag "ban-wagon!"

The Village and CCE will be hosting a free public forum to discuss the impacts disposable plastic and paper bags have on our environment and economy, the ways in which bag bans have affected other communities, and tips on how to kick the disposable bag habit. Come learn everything you need to know about disposable bag pollution, and find out what you can do to help.

When: Wednesday, March 18, 7:00pm (previously scheduled for March 3)

Where: Patchogue Theater for the Performing Arts, 71 East Main Street, Patchogue, NY

This event is free and open to the public. Contact CCE

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

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 it 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.



Senate Coalition Leads Effort To Keep Our Children From Sex Offenders

New York, NY Feb 22, 2015– The New York State Senate Coalition today unveiled an alarming joint-investigative report, “Keeping Our Children Safe From Sex Offenders,” conducted by the offices of Independent Democratic Conference Leader Jeff Klein (D-Bronx/Westchester) and State Senate Majority Leader Dean G. Skelos (R-Nassau), which uncovered startling violations of residency restrictions and a major loophole in the law.

The joint-investigative report comes on the heels of a devastating New York State Court of Appeals ruling relating to Nassau County. As a result, the New York State Senate Coalition will immediately act on key sex offender legislation — including closing the major loophole in the law and allowing localities to strengthen residency restrictions.

“As the author of Megan's Law, I recognize that the recent Court of Appeals decision is a clarion call for New York to take whatever steps are necessary to protect our children from dangerous sexual predators. I thank the members of the Senate Republican Conference — who have been at the forefront of the state's efforts on these issues for years — for their ongoing commitment to common-sense measures that keep kids safe. I urge the Governor and our Assembly colleagues to join us in enacting a swift and smart legislative solution,” Senate Majority Leader Skelos said.

On February 17, the New York State Court of Appeals sided with a sex offender who completed his parole and moved within 500-feet of a Nassau school, in compliance with state law, but against local law. The court ruled that only the state, not a locality, is authorized to create residency restrictions for sex offenders.

When session resumes this week, the New York State Senate Coalition will pass the following legislation:

Allowing localities to fortify sex offender restrictions in ways that are no less restrictive than state laws (Senator Michael Venditto)

Requiring school districts to distribute information about a sex offender’s residence upon notification from law enforcement (Senator Kenneth LaValle)

Closing the loophole on the legal definition of a school to include Pre-K and Kindergarten (Senator Klein) Holding risk assessment hearings before a sexual predator is released into a community (Senator Tony Avella)

Tuesday, March 3rd AGENDA

- Pledge of Allegiance 7:30 PM
- Roll call of 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: Ideas for Fund Raising

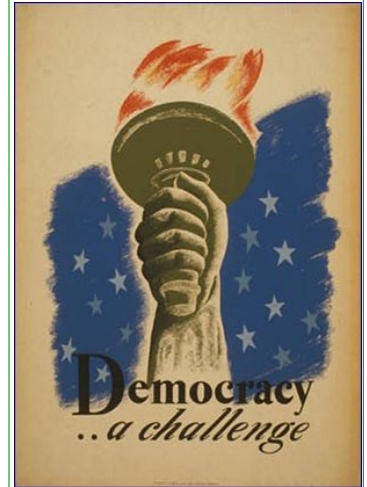
Adjournment 9:00 PM

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.