March 26, 2013

Counilwoman Connie Kepert attended the Coram Civic Association’s final meeting of the year as their guest speaker.

Councilwoman Kepert presented a map depicting the portions of Coram which became part of District 4 as a result of the 2012 Redistricting process. Every ten years, the Town, County, State, and Nation are required to go through a redistricting process, redrawing district boundary lines based on population changes in the census, the "one man, one vote" principal. Councilwoman Kepert lost a large portion of Farmingville to District 5, but picked up two Election Districts, 243 and 33, in Coram.

Councilwoman Kepert also announced that, as per the redistricting, the Historic Davis House is now located in District 4. The Town of Brookhaven Parks Department has completed the exterior renovations of the Davis House and the Councilwoman will be touring the facility within the next few weeks and working with the Davis House Committee on interior renovations.

The Councilwoman also presented visuals of the proposed Coram UA Theatre plan which will be a mixed use project and include shops, public spaces, residences, and a community center. The Town of Brookhaven Planning Department has approved the Preliminary Site Plan and is waiting for the applicant to submit an Engineered Site Plan for approval.

The Councilwoman was happy to inform the Civic Association about the completion of a replica of the historic Mott House. The Town of Brookhaven began construction of the replica after the original house collapsed during renovations in 2009. The replica was built using several pieces of the original 185-year old house that were able to be salvaged. The house will be used by the Town of Brookhaven Parks Department and the Gordon Heights Chamber of Commerce, who will host educational forums and community events there.

Kepert also announced having moved forward Phase III of the Coram Middle Island Ridge rezonings (CMIRs) at a Town Board Meeting on February 26, 2013. These rezonings were a culmination of the 2001 community visioning process and are the implementation of the Middle Country Road Land Use Plan. The zonings will help to create a distinct hamlet center and transitional zones along Middle Country Road and will transform a community characterized by strip commercial areas and a dangerous road to compact, pedestrian-friendly communities.

"I always enjoy attending the Coram Civic Association meetings as their guest speaker. Civic meetings provide a forum for community members and elected officials to come together and work to make their communities a better place," stated Councilwoman Kepert.