

A newsletter from Councilwoman Jane Bonner
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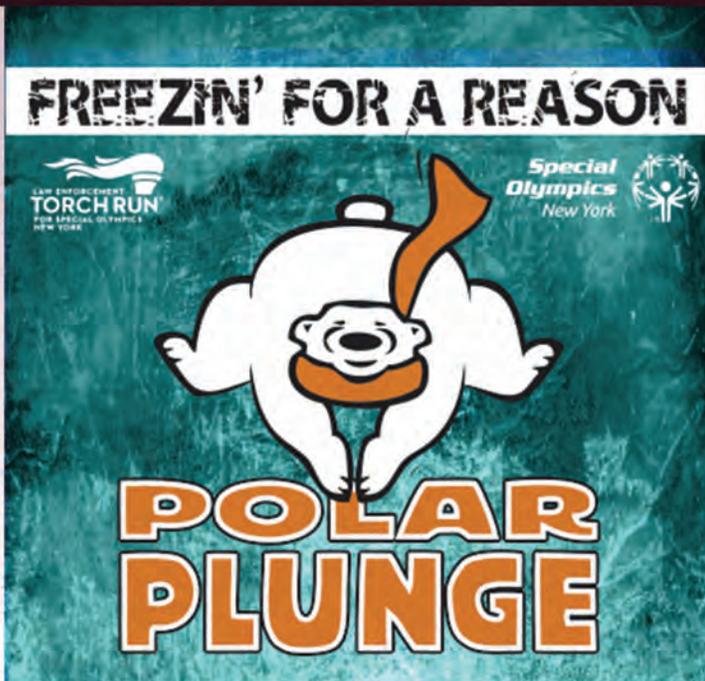


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6th Annual Polar Plunge



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Councilwoman Bonner and Councilman LaValle at the 2014 Polar Plunge

Date: November 21, 2015

Location: Cedar Beach

Registration: Begins at 9 am

Plunge at noon!

Highway Updates

Echo Avenue-Sound Beach

Echo Avenue in Sound Beach will be revitalized from North Country Road to New York Avenue with both aesthetic enhancements and traffic safety improvements. The project will include the installation of continuous curb and sidewalk to promote pedestrian safety and accessibility within the commercial corridor. In addition, ornamental street lighting, street trees and an enlarged landscape “gateway” in front of the Handy Pantry will soften the expansive hardscape that exists to create a sense of community and “downtown” feel.

To top it all off, the roadway will be resurfaced with new asphalt pavement and striping. Construction is scheduled to begin in September with a three (3) month projected project duration. The project was initiated through grass roots efforts led by the Sound Beach Civic Association and Councilwoman Bonner, who collaborated with Highway Superintendent Daniel P. Losquadro on the development of a plan and grant application to the Town of Brookhaven’s Department of Housing and Human Services. As a result, the Town appropriated the \$120,000 Community Development Block Grant, a program financed through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), which will partially fund the project.



Repaving

Coram

Shoreham



Brookhaven Highway Superintendent Daniel P. Losquadro and Councilwoman Jane Bonner are working together to repave 16 of the worst roadways in the hamlet of Coram. This extensive project also incorporates repairing and replacing concrete curbs throughout this neighborhood. When this project is completed, it will significantly upgrade the overall infrastructure for residents who travel and live in this community. The streets included in the project are: Chestnut Street, Crescent Street, Felway Drive, Gabon Lane, Gatton Court, Gatton Lane, Glenmere Lane, Goodwin Lane, Grace Lane, Gravin Street, Groton Lane, Grove Avenue, Hirsh Lane, Sari Lane, Ted Court and Walnut Street.

Highway Superintendent Daniel P. Losquadro, Councilwoman Jane Bonner and Deputy Superintendent of Highways Steve Tricarico have teamed up to have the major thoroughfare of Randall Road paved in the hamlets of Ridge and Shoreham. Albert G. Prodell Middle School, three highly populated retirement communities and several neighborhoods are located directly off of this roadway. The roadway has also been widened at the northern end by New York State Route 25A. Widening the roadway will accommodate the installation of a new, dedicated left hand turning lane for motorists turning west-bound onto 25A from Randall Road and will increase capacity at the intersection.



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Celebrating Community Accomplishments!

Fall 2015

TOWN OF BROOKHAVEN

DISTRICT 2

TOWN COUNCILWOMAN JANE BONNER



Sound Beach

Councilwoman Bonner with SB Civic scholarship recipients Nicole Berg and Megan McCarthy. Also pictured: Deputy Highway Superintendent Steve Tricarico, Rocky Point School District Board of Education President Susan Sullivan, Civic Association President Bea Ruberto and Supervisor Romaine.



Mount Sinai

Councilwoman Bonner and Supervisor Romaine are joined by the owners and employees of Strathmore Bagels for a Grand Opening Ribbon Cutting Ceremony.



Rocky Point

Councilwoman Bonner with the Rocky Point Civic Association, Susan Wilk of Cornell Cooperative Extension, Legislator Sarah Anker, Joe Cognitore at the "Welcome to Rocky Point" sign unveiling.



Rocky Point

Councilwoman Bonner honored Kelly McCauley, Kristy Hange and Olivia Weiss of Girl Scout Service Unit 54 at their Gold Award ceremony.



Miller Place

Councilwoman Bonner and Supervisor Romaine joined the Miller Place-Mount Sinai Historical Society to celebrate the 295th birthday of the historic William Miller House.



ALS Ice Bucket Challenge

Councilwoman Bonner joined by Michael Letterio, Patrick Spittal, Joseph Miceli, Sue Miceli, Mary Verdone, and Gail Lamberta for the 2nd Annual ALS Ice Bucket Challenge hosted by the ALS Ride for Life Organization. For more information please visit <http://ride-for-life.org/>

Town and State Officials Call for US Army Corps and EPA to Stop Dumping Dredge Spoils in LI Sound

On August 17, Supervisor Ed Romaine was joined by Councilwoman Jane Bonner, Senator Ken LaValle, Assemblyman Steve Englebright and Defend H2O Founder and President Kevin McAllister in opposition of the US Army Corps of Engineers' (US ACE) and the US Environmental Protection Agency's (US EPA) plan to continue dumping dredge spoils in the Long Island Sound. The Supervisor warned that the spoils, dredged from rivers and harbors in Connecticut, contain potentially contaminated materials that are a threat to the sensitive ecology of the Sound. Public comments on the Draft Dredged Material Management Plan (DMMP) or Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) should be forwarded no later than October 5, 2015 to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New England District, (ATTN: LIS DMMP/PEIS Program Manager Meghan Quinn), 696 Virginia Road, Concord, MA 01742-2751 or by email to: meghan.c.quinn@usace.army.mil



Is there a pothole on your street or in your neighborhood? Is it impossible to read a street sign because of graffiti or overhanging branches? Is there a streetlight out on your block? Is there litter along a town road or are weeds growing against the sump fence? Please contact your Councilwoman at (631) 451-6964 or email her at councilwomanbonner@brookhaven.org

District Two includes: Mt Sinai, Miller Place, Middle Island (part), Terryville (part), Coram (part), Rocky Point, Sound Beach, Shoreham, East Shoreham, Ridge (part), Wading River



Jane's Thoughts

Since first being elected as your Councilperson in 2007, I have been asked many times, "Jane, what is your 'typical' day like?" Fortunately, I am privileged to have a job that I love and one that can never be described as "typical". Each day brings a new set of challenges and more opportunities to help residents throughout the communities that I serve.

Some days, I may be in a meeting dealing with erosion infrastructure in Sound Beach or overseeing the demolition of a vacant, unsafe house in Shoreham, Coram or Middle Island. When I return to my office, there could be a handful of messages, or e-mails about a rooster running loose in Ridge, to potholes in Miller Place, environmental concerns at Cedar Beach or scheduling a community forum at Rose Caracappa Senior Center in Mount Sinai. I also have a big place in my heart for our little furry friends in the Animal Shelter who need our help to find them a home. The diversity of issues and the many residents that I assist on a daily basis are what make my job interesting and rewarding.

Taking care to resolve quality of life issues is the most important part of my job, but a Councilperson must also be a "jane-of-all-trades" in order to get the job done. I often find myself working hand-in-hand with representatives from the County, State and Federal governments, school, fire and ambulance districts, as well as utility service providers such as PSEG, Verizon, and Cablevision. All of these entities impact the lives of the people that I represent from Wading River in the east to Port Jefferson Station/Terryville in the west.

As you can see, there are no "typical" days, but every day I am reminded of the trust that you have placed in me and I am proud and humbled to serve you and all the residents of the 2nd Council District.

Supervisor Romaine and Councilwoman Bonner Oversee House Demolition in Coram



Recently, Supervisor Ed Romaine and Councilwoman Jane Bonner were on hand during the demolition of a vacant house located on Gabon Lane in Coram. The house was the final one on the Supervisor's "Dirty Dozen" list which was announced at a press conference in September 2014. The "Dirty Dozen" were 12 vacant or abandoned houses targeted for demolition by the Town that were dangerous eyesores and a detriment to the quality of life in communities throughout the Town. Each had received numerous violations issued by the Town's Building and Law Departments. The houses were demolished by the Town in accordance with Chapter 73 of the Town Code which provides a "fast track" to rid neighborhoods of unsafe structures. The cost of demolition and debris removal is the responsibility of the property owner. The Town places a lien on the property that is then placed on the tax bill. The County reimburses the Town and they collect the money from the property owner.

Councilwoman Bonner said, "I applaud the Supervisor for his firm commitment to restore neighborhoods and improve the quality of life for our residents. All it takes is one abandoned house to bring down the property values of all the nearby homes."

If there is a vacant home in your neighborhood, please call my office at (631) 451-6964

Lake Panamoka



The town acquired two abandoned vacant homes from the county and will be demolishing the unsightly structures that have long been an eyesore to the community. These parcels will become part of the town's open space holdings.

Mount Sinai Marine Stewardship Center



The town recently replaced the boardwalk at the Mount Sinai Marine Stewardship Center. Simple species identification signs along the boardwalk offer graphics, descriptions and some useful information about the various plants found along the trail.

If you would like to receive updates from our office on a more regular basis please send us your email address and we will be happy to keep you informed: councilwomanbonner@brookhaven.org