

A newsletter from Councilwoman Jane Bonner
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Town Fights Against Proposed PSEG Rate Hikes



Councilwoman Jane Bonner and the Town Board recently passed a resolution to fight an electric rate increase proposed by the Long Island Power Authority (LIPA) and LI-PSEG. The Town Board filed to officially be recognized as an intervener in the matter before the NYS Public Service Commission, where the utility is seeking to hike rates by 4% for the next three years.

“This rate increase will have a major adverse impact on the personal finances of town residents and businesses,” said Councilwoman Bonner. “The cost of living on Long Island is already difficult for many taxpayers. Intervening in this case will help protect our families and small businesses from economic harm that would be caused by this rate hike.” Councilwoman Bonner pointed out that LIPA’s rate hike would be more than double the Tax Cap imposed on local municipalities and school districts.

Rocky Point *Downtown Revitalization*

The town recently finished its downtown revitalization project of Rocky Point, which was inclusive of Broadway and Prince Road infrastructure improvements. The improvements included the installation of storm drains, traffic lights, streetlights, sidewalks, ADA compliant curb cuts, driveway aprons, access ramps and colored crosswalks. "I would like to thank Superintendent Losquadro and his staff for the magnificent job that was done to beautify the downtown and allow the businesses to thrive and "flourish", said Councilwoman Bonner.



ROCKY POINT CIVIC ASSOCIATION
presents

Opening Day

OF THE
2015 ROCKY POINT
FARMERS & ARTISANS MARKET
Old Depot Park, Broadway & Prince Rd., Rocky Point
rockypointfarmersmarket.org

★ SUNDAY, MAY 10, 2015 ★
8 AM - 1 PM

sponsored by Cornell and Creating Healthy Places in Suffolk County
& the Town of Brookhaven Parks Department

Farmer's Market every Sunday
from June to October

Shoreham



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

On April 15, Councilwoman Jane Bonner and Supervisor Ed Romaine were on hand for the demolition of a burned out, condemned house on Cobblestone Drive in Shoreham. The house had been vacant and the source of numerous community complaints since a fire occurred in July of 2013, as the result of a lightning strike. Prior to the fire, the property owner was issued violations for an illegal basement apartment, property maintenance and building a deck and shed without a permit. The Suffolk County Police also reported numerous complaints about drug activity in the house. It was targeted for demolition 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 placed as a lien on the tax bill of the property and is paid by the owner – not the taxpayers.

Mount Sinai



The town recently renovated and replaced all the park equipment at Greentree/Fowler Park in Mount Sinai. New playground equipment, a climbing rock wall and four swings were installed.

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DISTRICT 2

TOWN COUNCILWOMAN JANE BONNER



www.brookhaven.org/departments/waste-management

Ridge Great Brookhaven Cleanup- Supervisor Romaine and Councilwoman Bonner with Mr. & Mrs. Reany of the Ridge Civic Association



www.kara2mijael.org

Miller Place Student Honored-

Councilwoman Bonner with Kara Patrovic of Miller Place, honoree of the 2015 Taste of Long Island hosted by the Rocky Point Lions Club.



North Shore Little League- Opening Day ceremonies.



www.brookhaven.org/departments/housing-human-services

Mount Sinai Seniors Club- Councilwoman Bonner visited with members of the Mount Sinai Seniors Club at their 40th Anniversary Celebration.

Cedar Beach Clean Up- Councilwoman Bonner, Peconic Baykeeper Brady Wilkins, Mount Sinai Harbor Advisory President Patty Van Middeltem and Supervisor Romaine at the William Waltz Annual Cedar Beach Clean Up.



North Shore Drainage Improvements

Many of the projects we have embarked on are improving damaged and inferior infrastructure and being replaced with well designed stormwater solutions to prevent erosion and to protect the Long Island Sound. "I want to thank Superintendent Losquadro and the Highway Department for the work that has been done in the aftermath of Super Storm Sandy to many of the towns 'rights of way' access points along the north shore."



Landing Road, Miller Place



Amagansett Drive, Sound Beach



Riverhead Drive, Sound Beach

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

Happy Spring!

While we all enjoy the beautiful weather of the season following a long winter, I'm happy to report that the sun is also shining on Brookhaven Town's finances. Two Wall Street rating agencies recently re-affirmed the Town's strong credit rating, giving a positive outlook for our future.

As the Town Board's liaison to the Finance Department, I am glad that Wall Street has recognized that the fiscal policies of the past year have made Brookhaven's finances much stronger. In fact, Standard & Poor's noted that they "view the Town's management conditions as very strong, with strong financial practices combined with a consistent ability to maintain balanced budgets."

A strong credit rating saves the Town money when we borrow to pay for long-term capital projects and infrastructure improvements – such as new parks and roads. In addition, the Town was able to renegotiate two long-term serial bonds, saving taxpayers \$6.7 million over the next 12 years by cutting the interest rate by more than half.

Unlike many other municipalities that are struggling through these tough economic times, Brookhaven's finances are getting stronger. I look forward to working together with Supervisor Romaine and my colleagues on the Town Board to continue improving our financial position, and put our Town on a solid financial footing by building on the successes we have achieved.

New and Improved Mount Sinai Marine Stewardship Center

Please visit and enjoy all the upgrades to our facility. Here are a few upcoming events:

Feathered Friends June 19th 1-2 pm

This program is for 3-5 year olds to learn about the different types of birds found on Long Island and make a craft to take home

Seining in the Sound June 20th 10-11:30am

Take your turn at using a large seine net and learn about the marine life that you brought ashore

Nature Center Tour June 26th 10-11am

Take a tour of the newly upgraded Nature Center. Environmental displays, touch screen interactive computers, marine tanks and touch tanks

For additional programs over the summer please visit www.brookhaven.org/nature



The Town of Brookhaven offers many recreation and sport activities for all residents.

The Recreation Guide is available at www.brookhaven.org under the Parks Department tab.

If you don't have internet access please call (631) 451-TOWN and a guide will be mailed to you.

Longwood



Councilwoman Bonner with students from Ms. Marcella and Ms. Andrew's class at the Annual Longwood School District's Operation Safe Stop Event

Operation Safe Stop

On April 16, Councilwoman Jane Bonner joined Longwood School District at the launch of their annual Operation Safe Stop event. Operation Safe Stop is a statewide initiative to stop drivers from passing stopped school buses through education and enforcement efforts. Operation Safe Stop brings awareness to the illegality and dangers of passing a stopped school bus when the large red lights are flashing, which indicates that the bus is picking up or dropping off students.

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