

A newsletter from Councilwoman Jane Bonner  
**Jane** AND OUR COMMUNITY

*Working to protect your quality of life*



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# MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

*Brookhaven Town residents are invited:*

## TAX GRIEVANCE SEMINAR:

Thursday  
April 10th  
at 6pm  
at Rose Caracappa  
Senior Center

739 Route 25A,  
Mt. Sinai



## Spring Nature Center Environmental Programs

Programs are age appropriate, include hands-on activities, and comply with NYS Learning Standards for school aged children and teachers.

### GRADES K-3

**Beach Buddy Bingo** - Students buddy up for a scavenger hunt to explore Cedar Beach, then examine their finds to determine what plants and animals live in the Long Island Sound. Program culminates with a visit to our outdoor touch tank and a tour of the Marine Stewardship Center. Recommended time: **75 minutes**.

### GRADES 4-12

**Life Isn't Just Another Day at the Beach** - Sun, wind, sand, and waves make for a great vacation, but for plants and animals by the shore, they are no picnic. Discover what organisms inhabit the beach and intertidal zone, the challenges they face, and the adaptations that help them survive in this harsh environment. A visit to our outdoor touch tank and tour of the Marine Stewardship Center are included. Recommended time: **90 minutes**.

### GRADES 7-12

**Tide to Table** - (Seasonal) Students will have an opportunity to explore a working mariculture facility where they will learn about the mariculture industry, as well as preservation efforts and history of the shellfish industry on Long Island. A visit to the Town's mariculture facility will include hands-on experimentation. Recommended time: **45 minutes**.  
**Salt Marsh Ecology** - Students use their senses to experience a salt marsh, and discern why they are able to provide many essential ecosystem services. Includes an in-water seining activity, visit to our outdoor touch tank, and a tour of the Marine Stewardship Center. Older students will classify specimens. Recommended time: **90-120 minutes**.

Programs can be custom tailored to meet your individual class needs. Programs are **FREE** for districts located in Town of Brookhaven - All other districts \$1 per student. For Further Information or to Schedule a Program Contact Eileen Gerle [egerle@brookhaven.org](mailto:egerle@brookhaven.org)

**Recycle Event:**  
*for e-waste,  
paper shredding  
and drug  
take back!*  
**May 3rd  
from 9-1pm**  
at the  
**Rose Caracappa  
Senior Center**  
739 Route 25A,  
Mt. Sinai

# Improvements around town: *Have you spotted these upgrades?*



I am happy to report that renovations to the Woodhull House have been taking place all winter. The contractor has completed the painting and cedar shingle replacements to the front and west side of the house. All of the windows have been replaced, and structural improvements have been made to several of the exterior walls. The rotted floor joists on the first floor have been removed and replaced and the original hand-hewn timber joists have been stabilized and re-used where possible. One of the major improvements was the structural stabilization of the second floor by means of replacing and re-supporting failing headers and joists. The town will be completing the project in the late Spring with landscaping and signage to the property. The Josiah Woodhull House is owned by the town and listed on the New York State and National Registers of Historic Places.

## ↑ Renovated Woodhull House in Wading River



## Stopping Speeders in Coram

A new all-way stop sign at the intersection of Woodbine Street and Cedar Avenue was recently installed in the hamlet of Coram. The addition of the all-way stop is the result of a traffic study conducted at the request of a petition of 53 residents. The intersection serves as a bus stop for grades K-12. The all-way stop signs will facilitate the orderly flow of traffic and assign right of way at the intersection which will enhance its safety for all.

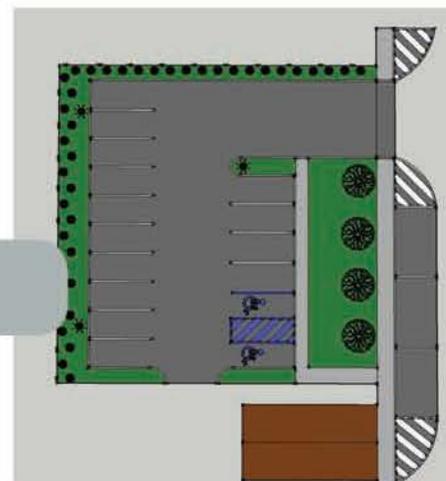
## AMAGANSETT RECHARGE BASIN

In late spring the construction of drainage improvements along Shore Road and Amagansett Drive in conjunction with the construction of a 110,000 cubic foot capacity recharge basin on the Town owned parcel east of Amagansett Drive will improve the collection of storm water during significant rain events.

The improvements will consist of:

- Additional drainage structures along Brookhaven Drive, Amagansett Drive and Shore Drive to improve interception of storm water;
- Creation of a positive drainage system connected to the newly constructed recharge basin;
- Construction of a recharge basin enclosed with a 10' high fence;
- Disconnection of the existing outfall pipe;
- Construction of a small stone parking area north of the recharge basin (for Pickwick Property);

## Saving the Bluffs ← in Sound Beach



## Additional Parking in Rocky Point →

The construction of the a new municipal parking lot on the west side of Broadway will provide an additional 16 parking spots to downtown Rocky Point. The parking lot will be fully ADA accessible and include features such as decorative lighting, low maintenance landscaping, trees and drainage improvements. Construction will commence in early April and shall be completed within 2 months.

*If you would like to receive updates from our office on a more regular basis please send us your e-mail address and we will be happy to keep you informed: [councilwomanbonner@brookhaven.org](mailto:councilwomanbonner@brookhaven.org)*

# Celebrating Community Accomplishments!

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TOWN COUNCILWOMAN JANE BONNER



**Rocky Point Elementary Students**  
Councilwoman Bonner helps Mrs. Stacy Iberger's 2nd grade class send out "Lunchbags of Love" to military men and women overseas.



**Mt. Sinai Eagle Scout-** Councilwoman Jane Bonner (left) and Town Historian Barbara Russell (right) with Troop 384 Eagle Scout Andrew Holomshek's (center) at the site of his restoration project at the Phillips and Davis Private Graveyard in Mt. Sinai.



**100 Year Old Senior Citizen Honored-** Councilwoman Jane Bonner (right) with Sadie Liantonio (left) celebrating her 100th birthday at East Wind in Wading River.



**Miller Place Eagle Scout-** Councilwoman Jane Bonner (right) and Eileen Gerle, the Town's Environmental Educator (left) with Miller Place Troop 204 Boy Scout Kyle Cullin (center) at the site of his Chimney Swift towers at Cedar Beach



**Mount Sinai Cheerleaders**  
Councilwoman Bonner, Supervisor Romaine, and the Brookhaven Town Board honored the Mount Sinai Varsity Cheerleaders after winning 1st place in the Large Division II at the UCA National Competition.



**Miller Place Eagle Scout Honored-** Councilwoman Bonner (second from left) and Councilwoman Cartright (second from right) attended the Court of Honor ceremony for Miller Place Boy Scout Troop 204. Pictured (left to right) Nicholas Alexander O'Mara, Nicholas Anthony Gabriele, Jr. and Nicholas Joseph Castelli.



**Rocky Point Cheerleaders-** Councilwoman Bonner, Supervisor Romaine, and the Brookhaven Town Board honored the Rocky Point Varsity Cheerleaders after winning 1st place in the Medium Division II at the UCA National Competition.

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](mailto: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



After an especially brutal winter, it's finally spring time in the Town of Brookhaven! It's wonderful to say good-bye to the snow that covered our lawns for so long, seeing the greening grass and colorful flowers in bloom, and begin our spring cleaning.

At Town Hall, we began our spring cleaning early this year – cleaning up our finances and taking action to clean our neighborhoods.

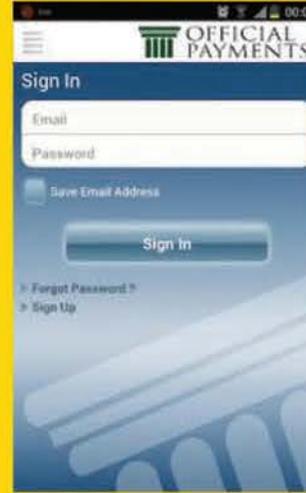
Wall Street affirmed the Town's solid AA+ credit rating, and gave our government a "positive outlook" at a time when many municipalities are being downgraded and receiving negative outlooks. They attributed this to our efforts to reduce debt, hold the line on spending, and freeze taxes – without reducing critical services or laying-off employees. This is a clear indication that our fiscally conservative approach during these tough economic times has set us on the right path. The bottom line is that we've made sound financial decisions that will save taxpayer dollars now and in the future. This rating allowed the Town to secure an interest rate of 2.66 percent, which will save taxpayers over \$6.5 million in borrowing costs.

We're also cleaning up our neighborhoods with our new vacant house registry. Under this new law, the banks or owners of long-abandoned houses in our community will have to register with the Town of Brookhaven, and provide contact information of someone responsible for maintaining the property. If not, they will be heavily fined, and charged for having our workers perform the work necessary to keep the neighborhood clean.

Finally, mark your calendars for my Spring E-waste, Shredding and Drug Take Back event, which will be held at the Rose Caracappa Center on Route 25A in Mt. Sinai on Saturday, May 3 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

## Tax Receiver's New Mobile Payment App

The Town Tax Receiver, Louis Marcoccia, recently began allowing taxpayers the opportunity to be able to make credit card payments from their mobile device on the Town's mobile website. This addition allows the town to provide a greater variety of



choices for the public to make secure payments without solely relying on mailing a check or visiting the Town Hall office. The new mobile app frees up staffing hours previously allocated to payment processing in order to shift toward greater direct customer service. The payment feature has been available since December 2013.

All service fees (charged by the vendor) associated with the use of credit cards will still apply. Anyone with questions regarding this or any tax related matter can contact the Tax Office at (631) 451-9009 or email [louismarcoccia@brookhaven.org](mailto:louismarcoccia@brookhaven.org).

## Single Stream Recycling Has Come To Brookhaven



**Town of Brookhaven**  
1 Independence Hill  
Farmingville, NY 11738  
(631) 451-8696 (TOWN)



### What can go into my recycling container?

- Aluminum: Cans, beverage/food containers and foil. Please clean.
- Cardboard: Paperboard/corrugated/shipping/mailling boxes, egg containers. Remove any plastic or Styrofoam.
- Waxed cartons: Please empty.
- Glass containers: Please clean.
- Mail: junk mail/catalogs/cards/magazines and envelopes (all kinds).
- Metal: All types of metal including beverage and food containers, steel, tin, iron, ect.
- Paper: All colors and types of paper including mixed paper, newspaper (all types), non-metallic wrapping paper, office/printer/school papers.
- Shredded paper: place inside a clear plastic bag.
- Plastic containers (#1 - 7): For a full list visit [www.brookhaven.org](http://www.brookhaven.org).
- Rigid Plastics - including milk/soda crates, buckets, laundry baskets, plastic lawn furniture, plastic drums, coolers, plastic flower pots, watering cans bottles, large water bottles, pallets, pet carriers, shelving, closet organizers and unwanted garbage cans (empty).
- Spray cans: All empty aerosol cans.
- Steel and Tin: Please clean.



### What does NOT go into my recycling container:

- Cat litter
- Chemicals
- Household hazardous waste
- Contaminated paper products
- Dry cleaning bags
- Food waste
- Garbage
- Glass (window and mirror)
- Light bulbs
- Needles/syringes/sharp items
- Paint and paint cans
- Plates (plastic or ceramic)
- Plastic shopping bags
- Plastic utensils
- Styrofoam
- Waxed paper
- Yard waste
- Drinking glasses