

A newsletter from Councilwoman Jane Bonner

# Jane AND OUR COMMUNITY

*Working to protect your quality of life*



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## We will be Freezin' for a Reason at the 4th Annual Town of Brookhaven Polar Plunge



Help raise money for the athletes of Special Olympics New York by asking your friends, family, and co-workers to support you in taking the PLUNGE! Then, take a dip or slow crawl into the chilly waters of the Long Island Sound.

Every Plunger that raises \$125 receives an official Plunge sweatshirt, raise more money and receive more great prizes!

Special Olympics New York has 61,582 athletes training and competing year-round in 22 Olympics-style sports. The athletes and their families or caregivers are NEVER CHARGED to participate! It costs \$400 to support training and competition for one athlete for one sports season. Set your Plunge goal at \$400 and you have sponsored an athlete for an entire season!

**Saturday November 23, 2013**  
**Registration between**  
**10:00 - 11:30 am**  
**PLUNGE at Noon**  
**Cedar Beach,**  
**Mount Sinai**



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# THIS LAND IS YOUR LAND Land use that maintains community character:

The Town of Brookhaven has been working to protect the Carmans River for more than a decade. The Town, both individually and in partnership with the County and State, has acquired 815 acres for parkland purposes over the past decade and my colleagues and I recently committed an additional \$2 million for the acquisition of priority parcels here. Further, in late July the Governor signed the bill, which the Town strongly supported, to expand the Central Pine Barrens to include the sections of the river's watershed that are



## Carmans River

closest to the river. Recently, the Town has accelerated its efforts to protect the Carmans River through the development of a Draft "Carmans River Conservation and Management Plan". The Plan contains twenty recommendations to protect the river, its water quality and the plant and animal life found in and along the river. The Town expects to act on adopting the Plan in October, after which it will begin to implement the strategy recommendations. A copy of the Plan is available for review on the Town's website.

## Miller Place Pond Restoration



The Town of Brookhaven is in the process of selecting an engineering group which will assist the Town in identifying the best management practices that can be used to restore and maintain the Miller Place Pond. The pond has been overrun with common coontail and water lily. These plants thrive in areas of high nitrogen loading and sedimentation. The goal of the project will be to reduce stormwater infiltration into the pond, repair the existing retaining wall and sluiceway as necessary, and to dredge the pond to remove excess vegetation and sediments to the best extent practicable.

**Pictured left to right** are Miller Place School District Superintendent Marianne Higuera, North Country Road Middle School Principal Matthew Clark, students Brianne Ledda, Kristin Nappi, and Patricia Stade, Councilwoman Jane Bonner, Science Teacher Mrs. Laura Opitz and Town Assistant Waterways Management Supervisor Tom Carrano

## Historic Landmarks

### Noah Hallock House



During a public hearing on August 6, the Town Board voted unanimously to designate the Noah Hallock Homestead in Rocky Point as an Historic Landmark. The house, which was built in 1721, was recently purchased by the Rocky Point Historical Society who plan to restore it for use as a community museum. "The Historic Designation paves the way for the Rocky Point Historical Society to start moving forward with their restoration plans," said Councilwoman Bonner. Noah Hallock and his wife Bethiah Youngs Hallock are believed to be the first Europeans to settle in Rocky Point. They built the homestead around 1721 on the plot of land currently bounded by Hallock Landing Road, Culross Drive, and Hallock Lane. It is the oldest house still standing in Rocky Point.

### Woodhull House



Councilwoman Jane Bonner joined members of the Meadowbrook Pony Club for their annual picnic at the Woodhull House



Renovations to the Woodhull House will begin in the Fall. We are completely renovating the exterior of the house

which will include: Siding, doors, windows and landscaping. The Josiah Woodhull House, located at 170 North Country Road, Shoreham is an early 18th century home. Owned by the Town of Brookhaven, it is listed on the New York State and National Registers of Historic Places. Architecturally, it is an excellent example of a bank house, whereby the structure is built into the natural bank of the hill. Historically, it was home to the Woodhull Family for over two centuries. The Woodhulls were among the earliest families to settle in Brookhaven.

# Celebrating Community Accomplishments!

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**Veterans Honored** - Pictured with Councilwoman Jane Bonner (right) are North Country Road Middle School Principal Matt Clark (left), teacher and event organizer Pamela Marcott (third from left), Fischer-Hewins VFW Post 6249 Commander Joe Cognitore, along with students and veterans from the VFW Post 6249.



**Sound Beach Civic Association Scholarship Fund recipients** Pictured left to right are Elizabeth Kidney, her grandmother Betty and Councilwoman Bonner. Not pictured is Scholarship winner Ms. DiSunno



**Shoreham Village 100th Anniversary Parade Celebration** Councilwoman Bonner and Superintendent Losquadro and two young minutemen from the community.



**North Brookhaven Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Winners** - Pictured from left to right are Councilwoman Jane Bonner, NBCOC Scholarship winners David Michael Yonks, Anthony Grippe, Chade Walker, Andrew Crawford, not pictured is Scholarship winner Joseph Seefield.



**Leisure Village Installation of Incoming Officers** - Supervisor Ed Romaine, Tax Receiver Louis Marcoccia and Councilwoman Jane Bonner (far right) attended the annual installation of Leisure Village Senior Club officers in the Leisure Village Recreation Center in Ridge.



**Boy Scout Troop 244 Rocky Point** - Supervisor Ed Romaine and Councilwoman Jane Bonner attended the Court of Honor ceremony for seven members of Boy Scout Troop 244 who have attained the rank of Eagle Scout. Scouts Thomas Luigi Lettieri, Daniel K. O'Connor, Kyle Robert Spira, Dylan Andrew Magee, Francis Luglio, Brian Michael Lounsbury and Shawn Evan Countess were all presented with the rank of Eagle, the highest rank in the Boy Scouts of America.



**Boy Scout Troop 433 Middle Island** - Scout Sean Parks was congratulated by the Town Board for his CPR efforts in saving his mom's life.



**Boy Scout Troop 204 Miller Place** Councilwoman Jane Bonner (left) congratulating Eagle Scout Robert E. Murdolo of Coram for his achievement accompanied by Jeff Kito (far right) representing Senator Kenneth P. LaValle.

**Boy Scout Troop 204 Miller Place** Councilwoman Jane Bonner at Court of Honor ceremony for Eagle Scouts Kevin Anderson and Alexander Abrams who earned the rank of Eagle Scout.

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)

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)



## Jane's Thoughts

*It's been a busy summer, with thousands of families enjoying our parks and beaches, and a number of new programs and initiatives for our residents.*

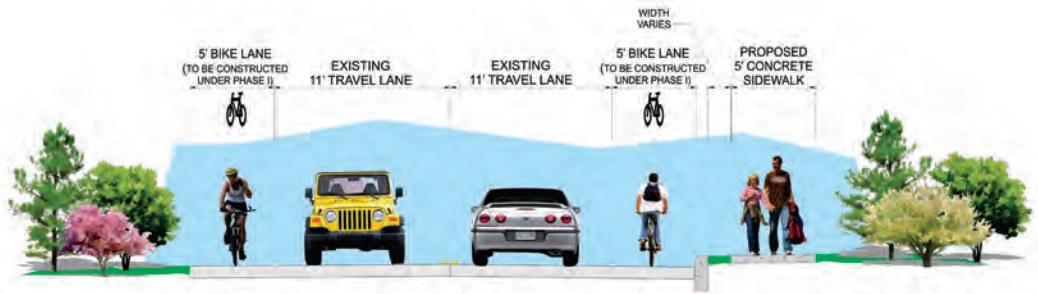
Working together with Highway Superintendent Dan Losquadro, we are continuing our recovery from Superstorm Sandy and working on repairs of our town right of ways all along the north shore. Our highway department has also paved a number of major roadways in our community, and is working on several major improvements, including the Mt. Sinai Traffic Calming Project.

Like many families, town government is continuing to face economic challenges. Through hard work and some innovative ideas we have met those challenges, by continuing to provide the essential services your family needs without raising taxes.

The Town Board also approved a number of new housing codes aimed at cracking down on problem landlords, cleaning up properties that have become community eyesores, and cracking down on foreclosed properties. We also expanded our Joseph Macchia Land Preservation Fund, and dedicated a revenue stream not funded by tax dollars so that we can continue to preserve our open space.

Finally, as the liaison to the Town's Animal Shelter, I was proud to spearhead an initiative to waive all adoption fees throughout the summer. Through this program, more than 100 dogs, cats, puppies and kittens found new homes with our residents.

# Mt. Sinai Traffic Calming For Canal Road



CONCEPTUAL ROADWAY SECTION

### Phase 1

#### Key Improvements:

- Traffic Calming project which includes a reduction of the width of travel lanes through the installation of pavement markings. A dedicated bike lane will also be implemented and "Sharrows" installed as necessary in shared use areas.
- New left turn lanes at designated intersections. Installation of "bicycle friendly" grates on catch basins

### Phase 2

#### Key Improvements:

- Construction of 2.1 miles of sidewalk between Rose Lane and CR83 (North Ocean Avenue)
- Installation of new traffic signals at the Central Avenue and Pine Street intersections

## Rocky Point Street Dedication Frank Celentano

Brookhaven officials paid tribute to the memory of Private First Class Frank W. Celentano who was a World War II Veteran, recipient of the Navy Cross, and a community hero in Rocky Point by authorizing the section of King Road between Begonia Road and Harding Street to be honorarily named PFC Frank Celentano. "As a resident of Rocky Point I have heard countless heartwarming stories regarding what measures Private First Class



Highway Superintendent Dan Losquadro and Councilwoman Jane Bonner presenting a proclamation to Theresa and Jack, the daughter and son of PFC Celentano at the street dedication honoring their father.



Celentano would go to for the benefit of his neighbors," said Councilwoman Jane Bonner. "It was very important to the community to honor this valiant man and it was an honor bringing this resolution to the Town Board on behalf of his family and the residents in Rocky Point."

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