



A newsletter from Councilwoman Jane Bonner

Jane AND OUR COMMUNITY

Working to protect your quality of life



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RESIDENTS OPPOSE SPRAWL AND HIGHER TAXES ON ROUTE 25A

MOUNT SINAI TO WADING RIVER *Community Visioning*

Councilwoman Jane Bonner invites you to attend the last Community Planning Forum in a series of five forums for the Route 25A corridor from Mount Sinai to Wading River. This special All Hamlet Community Planning Forum will include preliminary recommendations for the Route 25A corridor in the Hamlets of Mount Sinai, Miller Place, Sound Beach, Rocky Point, Shoreham and Wading River, as well as recommendations for the corridor as a whole.

Please join us at the Rose Caracappa Senior Center to share your thoughts, ideas and recommendations about the issues and opportunities facing Route 25A today.

For the most up-to-date Route 25A Corridor Study information see www.route25acorridorstudy.com

ALL ARE INVITED TO ATTEND:
All Hamlet Community Planning Forum
Saturday, May 22nd, 2010, 9:30 am to 4:30 pm
LOCATION: Rose Caracappa Senior Center
739 Route 25A, Mt. Sinai, NY 11766 | 631-476-6431

Councilwoman Bonner at the Rocky Point Community Forum listening to residents input about their hamlet.



Your Quality of Life

Councilwoman Bonner and Town Board Sue the MTA



Councilwoman Bonner's resolution directing the town attorney to initiate proceedings against the MTA unanimously passed by the Town Board on March 23rd is the first step in repealing this unfair tax burden placed on the residents of Brookhaven Town. The MTA bailout mandates a 3.4% tax on the payroll of all employers including small businesses, schools, churches and local governments. The tax unfairly

BONNER SAYS COMMUTER TAX IS UNFAIR TO BROOKHAVEN

benefits New York City and has not prevented service cuts or planned fare hikes for Long Islanders. This tax impacts the Long Island economy by tens of millions of dollars and diverts millions of tax dollars to pay for this bailout instead of being used for local services or prevent property tax increases. The Brookhaven town board believes the process and substance of the MTA Tax Bill violates several New York State Constitutional requirements. The litigation will pursue claims regarding failure to obtain a Home Rule message from the towns, the bill's failure to pass the State Legislature by a two-thirds affirmative vote, and other possible claims. "From the beginning I have been an outspoken opponent of this unfair tax imposed by the State. We are now moving from words to action with this lawsuit. Long Islanders are fed up with the State using our wallets to balance their budget shortfalls," said Brookhaven Councilwoman Jane Bonner.



Around Our Community



Defense Hill Bypass Road
Work on the long awaited Access Road has finally begun in Shoreham Wading River.

Brookhaven's Safety Town is a new hands-on educational facility located at the town's Holtsville Ecology Site. At Safety Town, schoolchildren are instructed in pedestrian and bicycle safety, the town's program is geared toward children in the 7 to 9 year old range. This summer there will be a program to educate children and youth groups within the community. For further information please call 451-6480



Councilwoman Bonner and Tax Assessor James Ryan speaking with residents of Miller Place and Mt. Sinai at a recent informational session regarding "How to Grieve Your Taxes"



Additional Upgrades to Our Parks - The Rocket Ship has been renovated and returned to its original home at Robert Miner Park, a new bathroom and concession have been added to Heritage Park in Mt. Sinai and a new field, playground equipment and parking lot have been upgraded at Tanglewood Park in Coram.



Bonner Preserving the Vassilaros Property in Miller Place

Councilwoman Bonner is very proud to support the preservation of key open spaces and farmland on Brookhaven's North Shore. Examples include the Vassilaros Property in Miller Place and Spring Meadow in Wading River. "The Vassilaros Property and the role it has played in the community will make it a wonderful addition to the Historic District of Miller Place," Councilwoman Bonner said. She called the Spring Meadow property "a key feature of Brookhaven's rural past." "Protecting open space and farmland to preserve our community character and quality-of-life is a top priority of my service to my constituents," she said. "This area is among the last bastions of undeveloped open space in Brookhaven Town and is important to every resident of our communities," she added.



Councilwoman Bonner, Legislator Losquadro, Miller Place Civic and community members at announcement for the preservation of the Vassilaros property in Miller Place.

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

Rocky Point Revitalization takes a step forward with new street signs and sidewalk improvements



Lisa Coleman owner of Sweets of the Spoon, Jeff Davis owner of Rocky Point Funeral Home, Val Biscardi Director of the Town of Brookhaven Housing and Human Services, Marshal Schwartz member of the Rocky Point Civic Association and Councilwoman Jane Bonner.



Councilwoman Jane Bonner unveils new street signs installed by the Town of Brookhaven Highway Department. The new signs were completely paid for by grant funding from a Community Development Block Grant Program. The grant funding had been put aside by the Town to improve downtown Rocky Point. In addition to the street signs, the Town has purchased and installed brick pavers and period lighting to beautify the downtown Rocky Point Business District.

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

JANE'S THOUGHTS . . .

I can't tell you how much I appreciate the participation and recommendations of community residents concerning our ongoing 25A Corridor Study. I'm delighted but not surprised by how much citizens want to retain the character of our communities and how much they

want to prevent suburban sprawl. I pledge to work for and with you, both in the district and town-wide so that over-development here and elsewhere doesn't increase taxes and undermine our quality-of-life. Thanks for your support. It makes it easier for me to work for you.

THE WOODHULL HOUSE & THE DAVIS HOUSE

Woodhull House

As restoration plans move forward, the long neglected barn is to be dismantled, all historic artifacts stored, and the materials preserved for re-use and/or rebuilding at a later date. Currently being coordinated is a complete re-shingling and re-flashing of the roof of the main house.

Davis House

As part of the Town's restoration effort, dangerous hollow trees at the site were removed and security lighting was restored for safety purposes. Replacement/renovation of the windows, doors, siding and flooring has been moving forward as the final phase of the emergency stabilization of the house.

Letters to the Editor:

25A Study Forums

Dear Jane,

Great job. It was a very well presented forum in reference to the 25A study. You did a great job of putting this together. I really enjoyed this and hope to attend the others in the future.

Thanks for all your hard work in making this happen.

Sincerely yours

Michael Armando
Rocky Point

THE RETURN OF THE ROCKET SHIP

Jane,

Hope all is well. We passed by Robert Minor Park (AKA: Rocket Ship Park) yesterday and we noticed the return of the rocket ship.

I wanted to thank you and the Parks Department for returning the rocket ship to its home. I can tell you that as a kid I spent many a day climbing that rocket ship. It brings back many fond memories.

Thanks again for your continued dedication to the restoration of our parks and for all your hard work on behalf of the community.

My daughter Stephanie really got a kick out of the fact that her father and uncles played inside the rocket ship when we were young.

Thanks,

George Cosmai
Miller Place

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