



A newsletter from Councilwoman Jane Bonner

# Jane AND OUR COMMUNITY

*Working to protect your quality of life*



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## Savings That Add Up

\*According to Town Finance Department



- **Comprehensive Vehicle Reform at Town Hall**  
– more than **\$1 million** saved by ending use of public vehicles for commuting and other cost saving measures.
- **Hiring Freeze/ Spending Cuts**  
– **\$5.64 million** savings by defunding vacant full-time positions, reducing operating expenses, and a 10% reduction in overtime in 2009
- **Paperless Initiative**  
– projected savings of over **\$35,000** per year through the introduction of new software program
- **Elimination of Member Items**  
– Annual Savings to taxpayers of **\$150,000**
- **Tax Grievance Seminars** – outreach program to Second Council District residents saved homeowners tens of **thousands** of dollars in lower taxes
- **Help the Animals Fund**  
– A not-for-profit organization to attract corporate funds for the Town Animal Shelter resulting in annual savings up to **\$20,000**

# Your Quality of Life

## Bye-Bye to Burger King



Councilwoman Jane Bonner was joined by Rocky Point Civic and business leaders on January 12 as the former Burger King building on Route 25A was torn down. The eyesore, which had attracted graffiti, illegal dumping and vandals, was cleared away and the property will be incorporated into part of the Town's Rolling Oaks Golf Course.

## Cleaner Storm Water



Councilwoman Bonner leads advocacy for storm water remediation, to make our beaches and waterways clean and healthy. When it rains - storm water washes contaminants into water that we use for swimming and recreation. These pathogens are not normally life threatening, but they can be dangerous to vulnerable individuals, and result in numerous summer beach closures.

## Great Brookhaven Clean-up



Brookhaven's 2009 clean-up campaign set a record. More than 4,000 volunteers collected over 2 million pounds of litter along miles of roadways, parkland and individual clean-up sites. Pictured above are Councilwoman Jane Bonner and Mt. Sinai Cub Scout Pack 390 at the Wedge, where they collected litter during the Clean-up.

## Jane wants to know what you think:

Directions: please fill this survey out and mail or return to: One Independence Hill, Farmingville, NY 11738 or email to: [councilwomanbonner@brookhaven.org](mailto:councilwomanbonner@brookhaven.org)

### 1) Do you believe Brookhaven has:

- too much
- about the right amount
- too little

### development?

### 2) How large a problem is traffic in our area?

- Severe
- Moderate
- Not much

### 3) Do you think the state, county and town should:

- spend more
- spend about the same
- spend less

### to protect open space in our town?

### 4) Do you think the size of government should be reduced to control taxes?

- yes
- no

### 5) Which statement more accurately reflects your opinion:

"We can protect land and water and have a strong economy at the same time, without having to choose one over the other."

or

"Sometimes protections for land and water and a strong economy are in conflict and we must choose one over the other."



# Renovated Parks

Over the past year and a half, Councilwoman Jane Bonner has worked to improve the parks throughout northeastern Brookhaven.

"For years, the parks of the Second Council District have been neglected, either falling into disrepair or having to make do with antiquated equipment. Over the past year and a half, I have made sure that the facilities in our area are second to none, and get the improvements and amenities our residents deserve," said Councilwoman Bonner

Through Councilwoman Bonners efforts, new equipment, fields, upgrades and other amenities and improvements have been made at Heritage Park (The Wedge) in Mt. Sinai; Sylvan Avenue Park in Miller Place; Robert Miner Park in Rocky Point; Sound Beach Park; Cedar Beach Park in Mount Sinai; Miller Avenue Park in Shoreham and Tanglewood Park in Coram.



Miller Avenue Park in Shoreham



Tanglewood Park in Coram



Robert Miner Park in Rocky Point



Sylvan Avenue Park in Miller Place



Cedar Beach Park in Mt. Sinai

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 . . .



While the economy has been difficult over the past year, we have been working hard at Town Hall to cut spending, freeze taxes, and create jobs while still offering quality services for our residents.

By working together in a bi-partisan effort with officials from all levels of government, we have been successful in receiving major grants and stimulus funds for important projects in our community.

While we still face many challenges, we have made significant strides in improving the quality of life for the families in our community, and the services and amenities that they enjoy, and count on.

I look forward to continuing to work on your behalf to continue these improvements, and to cut

spending to hold the line on taxes. If I can ever be of assistance to you, please contact my office so that my staff or I can address any specific concerns you have regarding improving our community.

Councilwoman Bonner working with:



New York State Senator Ken LaValle



New York State Assemblyman Marc Alessi



Brookhaven Supervisor Mark Lesko

## Letters to the Editor:

**BONNER MAKES SENSE**  
Dear Editor:

*As a resident and mother concerned with the cost of living here on Long Island I am writing to express my appreciation of the way Councilwoman Jane Bonner is representing us on the Town Board. In her short tenure Jane has introduced and supported many initiatives, large and small, amounting to a huge savings to us all. Jane has fulfilled her promise to cut taxes, and demand that the Town "do more with less." Those skills, likely honed in the years she served the community as a civic President and School Board member, are a refreshing change to business as usual at Town Hall. Thanks for protecting our property values.*

Lisa Dillon  
Mt. Sinai

**FIELD OF DREAMS**  
Dear Editor:

*Since its creation in the mid-seventies Shoreham/Wading River Little League never had a field of their own. The league was forced to play on school fields, that weren't regulation Little League Fields. Now, thanks to the efforts of Councilwoman Jane Bonner, SWRLL finally has a beautiful regulation Little League field that they can call their own. From the moment Councilwoman Bonner took office she made it a priority to help the more than 600 children of SWRLL. On April 18, 2009, SWRLL had their first ever opening day at their new field at Defense Hill Park in Shoreham. The Board, the parents and most of all the children of SWRLL will be eternally grateful to Councilwoman Bonner for helping to make their elusive dream a reality. A politician actually doing the job they were elected to do and putting politics aside is more of an exception than the norm nowadays, and our luck is we've got one of the exceptions.*

Thanks, Gary Frisina  
President, SWRLL

**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**