

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

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Jane's Thoughts



I really enjoy my job! Especially when I feel that I'm helping to build better communities.

Like when we complete the arduous legal process of condemning and removing zombie houses that have been spoiling our neighborhoods for years. Or when the blighted Oxygen Bar property at the entrance to downtown Rocky Point is replaced with a new Veteran's Memorial Square, a beautiful place that families can enjoy.

This year has been a good one, and some of the highlights are...

Providing Mobi-Mats at Cedar Beach to make it more accessible to our residents with disabilities. Mobi-Mats are ADA compliant and are used to create a smooth, uninterrupted pathway for pedestrians, wheelchairs and strollers to access the beach. They are available for use from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

Continuing with our very successful, biannual "Go Green" recycling events that allow residents to safely dispose of unwanted prescription drugs and recycle old electronic products and paper. At our last event, we collected 14,832 lbs. of electronics, 13,580 lbs of paper and 14 boxes of prescription drugs. It's our way of helping to make Brookhaven a cleaner, greener place to live.

Taking action to protect our surface water quality and maintain greater erosion control at beaches along the North Shore. The Town has vastly improved our storm water management system to capture and filter as much storm water as possible before it enters the Long Island Sound. By protecting our waterways from pollutants today, we are preserving them for generations to come.

And... working with Senator LaValle, we've secured a \$3 million New York State Grant for the Town of Brookhaven to fund the rebuilding of the two protective jetties at the mouth of Mt. Sinai Harbor. The jetties are critical for the thousands of residents who utilize Mt. Sinai Harbor for recreational and commercial reasons, and to maintain public safety along the north shore.

I also take great pride when I get the opportunity to honor veterans, Eagle Scouts, civic leaders, students and others who make a difference in the community. Or, by stopping in to the Davis House yard sale, talking to children about recycling, chipping in during the Great Brookhaven Clean Up and recognizing firefighters, EMTs, police officers and regular citizens for their heroism above and beyond the call of duty.

Just as important is responding quickly to constituents who may need some help with a Building Department issue, a pothole on their street, or how to obtain a handicapped parking permit. It's just a little help, but I feel like we're all part of one, big community. If I can help make it a better place to live, well... that's the most rewarding part of my job.

A "Bright" Approach to Solar

The sPower Solar Farm will produce safe, reliable energy that you can't see, hear or smell. The solar farm will be generating clean, green, emission and carbon free electricity for 20+ years with no traffic associated with it. The project will provide the Long Island Power system with energy during peak demand times and will preserve our community for future generations while strengthening our local electrical systems today. It will also provide much needed revenue for the Shoreham Wading River School District with no additional housing, students or traffic!



2017 Project Updates

North Country Road Historic District TAP Grant

Capital improvements are planned for North Country Road in Miller Place to provide the best alternative for pedestrian connectivity, safety as well as aesthetic enhancements and beautification. North Country Road will be made more attractive, inviting, safer and will highlight the historical significance of the area.

Mount Sinai Jetty

Money for the jetty has been secured! Brookhaven Town has budgeted \$5.6 million to fund the rebuilding of the two protective jetties at the mouth of Mt. Sinai Harbor and State Senator Ken LaValle has secured an additional \$3 million New York State Grant to support the project. The jetties are critical for the thousands of residents who utilize Mt. Sinai Harbor for recreational and commercial reasons, and to maintain public safety along the north shore.

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

Jane AND OUR COMMUNITY

A newsletter from Councilwoman Jane Bonner

Working to protect your quality of life



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Making Wrong Right



Town of Brookhaven dedicated the new Veterans Memorial Square in Rocky Point with an Armed Forces flag raising ceremony. Councilwoman Jane Bonner worked with the Rocky Point VFW, local businesses and the Town Parks Department to turn a blighted property, which was the former site of the Oxygen Bar, into a beautiful passive park that also serves as the gateway to downtown Rocky Point. In 2011, the Town shut down the Oxygen Bar due to an expired Place of Assembly permit, after a non-fatal shooting of four people occurred there. It was a vacant eyesore in the community for five years while Councilwoman Bonner spearheaded the Town's efforts to purchase the property, demolish the building and transform it into Veterans Memorial Square.

Councilwoman Bonner said, "It is extremely gratifying to honor our veterans by dedicating this beautiful green space to their service and the sacrifices they made in the name of freedom and democracy. For too many years, this corner was a source of problems and now it is a source of pride."

7th Annual Polar Plunge



November 19th, 2016 Cedar Beach, Mount Sinai
Registration Begins at 9 am/Plunge at Noon
www.polarplungeny.org/Brookhaven

The Road to Progress

Thanks to Superintendent Losquadro and the Highway Department, infrastructure improvements like these will continue to be made throughout Council District 2.

Shore Road-Mount Sinai



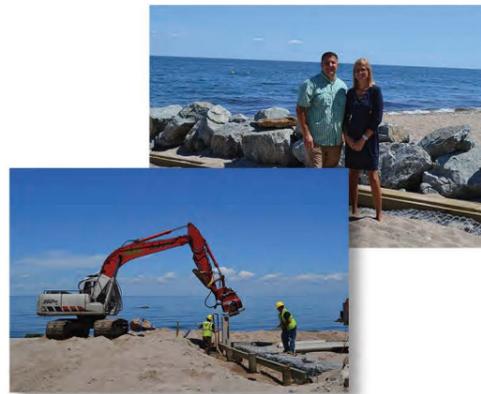
The Shore Road project is a \$550,000 NYSDOT grant funded water quality improvement project designed to mitigate stormwater into Mt Sinai Harbor. The project includes installation of new catch basins and the creation of three bio-retention areas that will capture and treat runoff before it enters the Harbor. At the completion of this storm water project, Highway expended \$900,000 to re-pave Shore Road, as well as other roads in the community including sections of Old Post Road, Mt. Sinai Coram Road, Rocky Hill Road and a handful of residential cul-de-sacs.



Woodhull Landing Road-Miller Place

During Hurricane Sandy, heavy waves, tidal surges and woody debris tore open the existing gabion baskets—wire baskets filled with rocks, designed to capture storm water for erosion and flood control—and eroded the gabion stone and filter cloth situated at the end of Woodhull Landing Road.

As part of the revitalization project, Brookhaven Highway Department crews replaced the gabion baskets with a more durable gabion mattress surrounded with vinyl sheet piling to capture and filter as much storm water as possible before it enters the Long Island Sound. Storm water runoff, which empties into the new infrastructure will now be retained, naturally filtered and released gradually via this 34' by 38' foot structure. In addition, the gabion revetment, which serves as a stabilized access point to the beach for emergency vehicles, has been reinforced.



Sills Gully Beach-Shoreham

Brookhaven Town Highway Superintendent Daniel Losquadro, U.S. Congressman Lee Zeldin and Councilwoman Jane Bonner announced the completion of repairs intended to protect, restore and strengthen Sills Gully Beach in Shoreham, after it was severely damaged during Hurricane Sandy in 2012.

In order to reduce risk of damage from future storm events, Brookhaven Highway completely removed the ineffective gabion basket walls, replacing them with 160 feet of steel bulkhead with stone-toe protection to prevent scouring. The bulkhead—which now protects areas of the bluff that have experienced significant levels of erosion in the past—has a longer life span than the gabion walls and will better protect from future disasters.



As a result of these mitigation measures and to comply with Tidal Wetlands and Clean Water Act permits, Brookhaven Highway included upgrades to the existing storm water system by installing a new bio-retention area where storm water naturally collects.



This bio-retention area consists of two, 12-foot deep leaching basins and an eight-foot wide trash rack to capture storm water and transport it through nearly 400 feet of 48-inch, smooth, interior-corrugated polyethylene pipe for natural dissipation. Additionally, a rock-lined drainage swale was constructed along the length of the parking lot to collect any remaining runoff. These upgrades will ensure that polluted storm water is not directly entering the Long Island Sound.

Celebrating Community Accomplishments!

FALL 2016 TOWN OF BROOKHAVEN DISTRICT 2 TOWN COUNCILWOMAN JANE BONNER



100 Year Old Senior Citizen Honored- Councilwoman Jane Bonner (right) with Beatrice Caravella (middle) and Supervisor Romaine (left) celebrating her 100th birthday at the Rose Caracappa Senior Center in Mount Sinai.



Sound Beach Veterans Dedication- Councilwoman Bonner was present at a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony where Mark Baisch, owner of Landmark Properties donated two homes in Sound Beach to veteran's families.



Suffolk County Police Commissioner Sini- Councilwoman Bonner met with Commissioner Sini to discuss various issues affecting Council District 2. Commissioner Sini discussed the NARC Hotline and its importance for reporting drug activity in your community.



Miller Place Eagle Scout- Councilwoman Bonner (right) with Tyler Rouse and the members of Troop 204 with Tyler's Eagle Scout Project, a handicap accessible picnic table.



Girl Scouts Gold Award- Councilwoman Bonner (right) with Girl Scout Gold Award Honorees Shayna DelVecchio from Wading River, Rebecca Schotte from Shoreham and Inger-Marie O'Toole from Shoreham.



Hoops for Hope- 2nd Annual Jake Engel "Hoops for Hope"— Councilwoman Bonner pictured left to right are Bob Engel (Jake's father), Councilwoman Bonner and Geoff Engel (Jake's brother). For more information please visit www.hhm.org (Hope House Ministries).

Diamond in the Pines-Coram Field of Dreams



In May of this year both baseball fields at Diamond in the Pines were enhanced with turf infields and new dugout roofs.



Mt. Sinai Senior Club- Councilwoman Bonner (right) installed the new officers of the Mount Sinai Senior Citizen Club.

Coram—Historic Davis Town Meeting House— Councilwoman Jane Bonner (second from right) and Councilman Dan Panico (left) joined volunteers and shoppers at the Davis Town Meeting House Society's 4th annual yard sale and craft fair.



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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