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Jane AND OUR COMMUNITY

A newsletter from Councilwoman Jane Bonner

Working to protect your quality of life



Councilwoman Jane Bonner



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Wall Street Gives Brookhaven Top Rating

Brookhaven's finances are getting stronger, and I am proud to have played a role with the finance team to save the taxpayers in Brookhaven millions of dollars and look forward to continuing to build upon our successes. Our fiscal strategies have put an end to deficit spending, rebuilt the Town's surpluses, and retained our credit rating of AAA with Standard & Poor's - the highest designation issued by the agency. The 2019 Budget further supports the Town's strong financial condition by not utilizing reserves to balance the budget for any of the six major funds, for the first time in over a decade. Brookhaven Town was recently awarded a \$20 million Municipal Consolidation and Efficiency Competition (MCEC) grant by New York State. This grant is designed to modernize and transform the delivery of services while lessening the burden on Taxpayers by reducing redundancy in local governments, pursuing opportunities for increasing shared services, and implementing modernizations and best practices. The plan is expected to produce savings of more than \$120 million for Taxpayers over the next decade.

Know Where Your Taxes Go

Conservative fiscal management has kept the Town's share of total local municipal taxes to 5.78% for the areas outside the Villages of the Town, and 3.99% for the Village areas, based upon the 2017-2018 Property Tax Warrant certified by the Suffolk County Legislature.



Little Free Library at Cedar Beach



On September 27, Councilwoman Jane Bonner was at Cedar Beach in Mount Sinai to unveil the newly installed Little Free Library, a “take a book, return a book” free book exchange where anyone may take a book or bring a book to share. Joining Councilwoman Bonner at the event were (left to right) Brookhaven Town Parks Department employee Chris Barton, Comsewogue Public Library Director Debbie Engelhardt and Port Jefferson Free Library Director Thomas Donlan

Senior Residential Repair Services

Does your home need repair or accessibility improvements?

The Town of Brookhaven Department of Housing and Human Services is proud to announce the availability of residential repair services. Repairs can be made to any part of the home and all work is completed by licensed and insured contractors. Applicants are subject to household income eligibility limits. For more information please contact the

Town of Brookhaven Department of Housing and Human Services at 631-451-6600 or online at

brookhavenny.gov/Housing-Human-Services



Raising Awareness in our Community

STOP Underage Drinking Initiative

Councilwoman Bonner and the Town’s Division of Youth Services launched an initiative to raise awareness about the dangers of underage drinking. The Youth Bureau purchased stickers that read “Stop Underage Drinking” and “Rethink the Drink. It’s not hip to take a sip” that were distributed to pizzerias in Council District 2 and throughout the Town. Thank you to the businesses that participated in this initiative. For more visit BrookhavenNY.gov/youth



POMPEII - ROCKY POINT
Owner, Vinny Perstigiaco



LA FAMIGLIA RESTAURANT
SOUND BEACH
Owner Valerie Maiorano and her son, Anthony



CARUSO’S - ROCKY POINT
Billy Couto and Yanci Hernandex

Save the Date

It is my great pleasure to announce the return of two extremely successful annual events co-sponsored by the Town of Brookhaven Youth Bureau that raise awareness to the dangers of drug use and support the work of Hope House Ministries.



The WAR on Addiction Rally in Memory of Billy Reitzig will take place at the Brookhaven Amphitheater on **July 4, 2019**

The Fifth Annual Jake Engel Hoops for Hope Basketball Tournament will return to Cedar Beach on **July 12, 2019**



Celebrating Community Accomplishments

WINTER 2019 TOWN OF BROOKHAVEN DISTRICT 2 TOWN COUNCILWOMAN JANE BONNER



9th Annual Polar Plunge
Jane and the “Frozen Eagles” Plunge team, Frankie Anzaldi and Quentin Palifka after taking the plunge. Visit nyso.org for more



200th Zombie Home Demolition
Councilwoman Bonner, Supervisor Romaine and Councilmen Loguercio and Foley attended the 200th demolition in Brookhaven in Coram.



Eagle Scout Project at Tesla Science Center
Jane thanked Scout Joshua Louser from Troop 1776 of Mount Sinai for developing a sign for the Tesla Science Center in Shoreham. Visit teslasciencecenter.org to learn more.



Veterans Wall of Honor at Rocky Point High School
Councilwoman Bonner joined educators, parents and VFW members in Rocky Point to recognize the district’s Veteran Alumni.



The Longwood Fair
Councilwoman Bonner celebrated Brookhaven History at the Longwood Fair at the Longwood Estate.



Girl Scout Gold Project
Councilwoman Bonner thanked Rebecca Muroff, of Girl Scout Troop 1090 in Miller Place for completing a Gold Award project at the William Miller House.

Supporting New Businesses



On March 23 Jane joined Legislator Sarah Anker in welcoming owners, Cheryl Zimmer and Katie Houde of Pure Barre, a total body workout studio, to the Miller Place community.



Brugmans Delicatessen has been a staple of the Rocky Point community for 50 years. Kristopher Kahl and his fiancé Lauren are the third family to own this Deli and on December 6 Jane welcomed them to the community at their grand re-opening.



This summer Jane welcomed Whats For Dinnah? to Sound Beach. This new business owned by sisters Irene Perri and Parrie Aanonse specializes in prepared, pre-cooked “take out” meals that can be heated up at home.

Jane's Thoughts



As we bid “farewell” to 2018 and say “hello” to 2019, I want to wish you a happy and healthy New Year ahead. Browsing through this newsletter, you can see that the last few months have been a very busy time in Council District 2. While my responsibilities as your Councilperson are wide-ranging, I am most proud to serve as the Town Board liaison to the Department of Finance. Recently, Standard & Poor’s assigned the Town their highest rating of AAA Stable, clear evidence that our conservative fiscal policies have made a significant impact, cutting the cost of government and saving your hard-earned tax dollars. I will continue to work diligently to build on this success in the coming year.

One of the most notable events last year in the Town of Brookhaven was the launch of our new, user-friendly website. Just one look at the home page, and you will see just how easy it is to navigate and receive notifications, report a concern, get the latest Town news, and information, pay for licenses, permits and more, as well as accessing all Town services. The new site complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), so everyone is only a click away from all the Town has to offer. Go to www.BrookhavenNY.gov to see for yourself.

The new website is the most convenient way to access Town resources, but there is nothing more important to me than a phone call or email from you. In this digital age, we sometimes lose that personal touch, that’s why my staff and I would like to hear from you. So please call 631-451-6964 or email CouncilwomanBonner@BrookhavenNY.gov anytime.

Shoreham Solar Commons

On November 27, Councilwoman Jane Bonner was on hand to celebrate the ribbon cutting at Shoreham Solar Commons, a 24.9 Mega-Watt facility located on the site of the former Tall Grass Golf Course. Community benefits include a significant increase in Property Tax Revenue. Nearly \$20 million (\$1 million annually) will be paid to the Shoreham-Wading River School District/North Shore Library District over the next 20-years in Town-assessed property taxes through a PILOT Agreement. This translates to a 1,735% increase over Tall Grass Golf Course’s per year property tax payment.



Returning to Dual-Stream Recycling

After several years of single stream recycling, Brookhaven Town is returning to separating our recyclables. Recently, the Town’s contracted recycler said they would no longer process our recyclables because of major shifts in global recycling markets. While some municipalities have started discarding recyclable material in the trash because of this, Brookhaven is 100 percent committed to recycling to protect our environment.

View our updated recycling schedule at brookhavenny.gov/recycling

ONE CALL DOES IT ALL 451-Town Supervisor Edward P. Romaine	Dual Stream Recycling Schedule Town Council Valerie Cartright CD1 Jane Bonner CD2 Kevin LaValle CD3 Michael Loguercio CD4 Neil Foley CD5 Daniel Panico CD6	December 2018							January 2019							February 2019																																																																						
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● Paper/Cardboard Recycling Day
▲ Plastic/Metal Recycling Day
■ Holiday - No collection - Landfill Closed
■ Yard Waste Pick-up Week - LEAVES/WEEDS/BRUSH will be picked up in same week. Must be out Sunday night - will be picked up on one day between Monday and Saturday. NO GRASS!
■ Christmas Tree Pick-up/Yard Waste Pick-up Week

Save The Date: Recycle Event



E-waste
Paper Shredding
Drug Take Back

May 4

9am to 1 pm

Rose Caracappa
Senior Center

739 Route 25A, Mt. Sinai

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