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A newsletter from Councilwoman Jane Bonner

Jane AND OUR COMMUNITY

Working to protect your quality of life



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SHARED SERVICES: A SMART WAY TO REDUCE GOVERNMENT COSTS

Councilwoman Jane Bonner, a leading advocate for taxpayer savings through shared services policy, saw her longtime efforts at making every cent count come to fruition – when the Town became a member of the Long Island Intergovernmental Relations Purchasing Council. In September, the Town Board unanimously adopted Jane’s co-sponsored resolution to develop an agreement between Brookhaven Town and Nassau and Suffolk Counties to join the Council. This association will have an immediate savings benefit by Brookhaven Town’s bulk purchase of paper and other office supplies. As other municipalities, school districts and not-for-profit agencies join this partnership the Town will realize further savings resulting from the economies of scale achieved through bidding jointly in the procurement of common goods and services.

“This is the culmination of much hard work and research over the last few years and now it’s a reality. It is a very timely victory for Town residents who are doing all they can to save money and now the Town is taking another positive step to do our part,”

-said Councilwoman Bonner.

Suffolk County Executive Steve Levy and Councilwoman Jane Bonner review the new shared services agreement between Brookhaven Town and Suffolk County.



YOUR QUALITY OF LIFE

INNOVATION: PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP

The Brookhaven Nature Center at Cedar Beach in Mount Sinai has been closed for too long in the view of lifelong Cedar Beach resident Randy Hagerman.



Pictured (l-r) Randy Hagerman and Councilwoman Jane Bonner at Cedar Beach's Nature Center.

That's one reason why Hagerman, a professional carpenter, is volunteering his services to the Town to help restore the building, which was shuttered in 2008 due to a mold problem. Hagerman should know, because he is intimately familiar with the building; it was the family home he grew up in and is still referred to by many locals as the Hagerman house instead of the Nature Center. Hagerman fondly describes the structure he hopes to refurbish as "a little Cape Cod, originally built in 1960 by my father."

I definitely want to thank Councilwoman Jane Bonner, her staff, and Director of Land Management John Turner for genuinely listening to my reasoning and ultimately deciding to save my former home. I'm sure there was a great deal of work on their part that I never saw or realized," said Randy Hagerman.

Although, he cannot afford to restore the entire building for free, Hagerman said he definitely wants to help get the process started, and hopes other community volunteers will join him in the restoration of the Nature Center.

A LINE IN THE SAND

Anticipating the development of a Shinnecock Indian tribe casino, two years ago county officials formed a gaming taskforce that compiled a short list of potential host properties—including the former Shoreham nuclear power plant in Brookhaven. Councilwoman Jane Bonner helped lead the charge, along with other elected officials, environmentalists and civic leaders, in voicing opposition to the possibility of a casino at the Shoreham site.

Citing our communities' family values, Councilwoman Bonner said she was concerned that a casino at Shoreham could increase quality-of-life problems in the region, such as drug use, alcoholism and prostitution; as such she said she was looking into legislation that would block construction of a casino in Brookhaven Town. "Casinos invite crime to a community," stated the Councilwoman.

Besides increased crime additional concerns were raised about local transportation infrastructure specifically the lack of major highways having the capacity to handle the extra traffic generated by a gaming facility.



ON SITE, VOICING THEIR OPPOSITION TO A SHOREHAM CASINO IS:
 (l-r) Leg. Ed Romaine, Bea Ruberto – Sound Beach Civic, Richard Belsky – Shoreham Civic, MaryAnn Johnston – ABCO president, Sid Bail – Wading River Civic, Dick Amper – Executive Director of The Long Island Pine Barrens Society, Councilwoman Bonner and Leg. Dan Losquadro.

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

AROUND OUR COMMUNITY



Pictured at Grand Opening of Singleton's Seafood Shack at Cedar Beach (l-r) Deputy Commissioner of Parks John Leonard, Receiver of Taxes Louis Marcoccia, Councilwoman Jane Bonner, Supervisor Mark Lesko, Commissioner of Parks Ed Morris and Singleton's owner Harendra Singh.



Pictured, front row l-r: Rosemary DeMarco, Nancy Palladino, Laura Frascogna. Back row l-r: Councilwoman Jane Bonner, Patricia Quinto and John McBride at the Leisure Village Senior Installation.



Pictured at the Sound Beach Civic Scholarship Awards, flanking Councilwoman Jane Bonner are award recipients Lori Tobiassen (l) and Caterina Marie Reed (r).



North Shore Colts with President Marty Callahan at the new Brookhaven Town Sylvan Avenue Park.



Gio's Pizzeria Ribbon Cutting at their new Coram location, pictured with Councilwoman Bonner are owner Kyle Markott and members of his family.



EASTERN LI POLAR PLUNGE

Raise money for the athletes of Special Olympics NY by asking your family, friends, co-workers and neighbors to support your icy swim. Win prizes and have fun for a great cause on:

November 20th 2010

Check In Time: 9:00 am

& Plunge at 12:00 pm

at Cedar Beach Mt. Sinai, NY

www.polarplungeNY.org

GOING TO THE CATS AND DOGS

Councilwoman Jane Bonner and Dori Scofield, the new Brookhaven Animal Shelter Director.



For information contact the Brookhaven Animal Shelter & Adoption Center at

631-286-4940
or visit us at 300 Horseblock Road, Brookhaven, NY 11719

or at the website
www.brookhaven.org/animalshelter

Hours of Operation:
Monday through Friday:
9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
& Saturday:
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.



ADOPT A PET

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

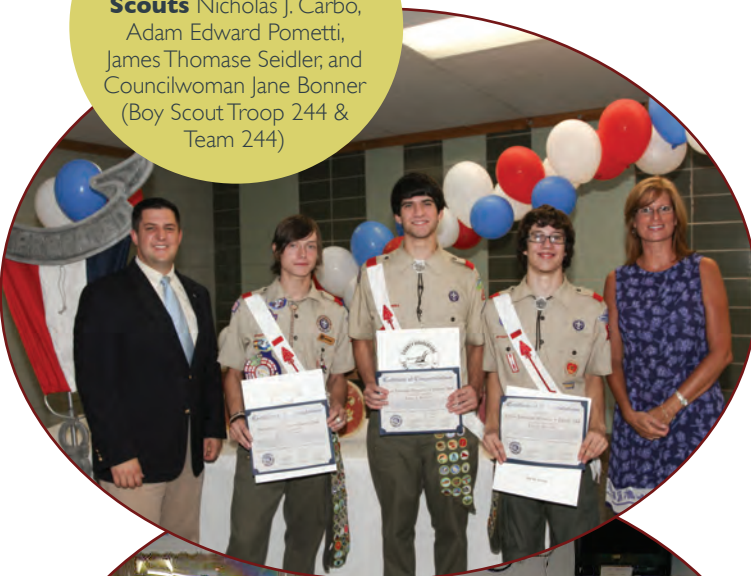
I wanted to provide you with an update as to **where we stand with the Route 25A Corridor Study**. The first phase of the study is complete and was unanimously adopted by the town board on October 19th. We will now proceed to Phase II of the study which will include land use, zoning and implementation of the plan. We cannot begin this following phase soon enough. All too often these studies are



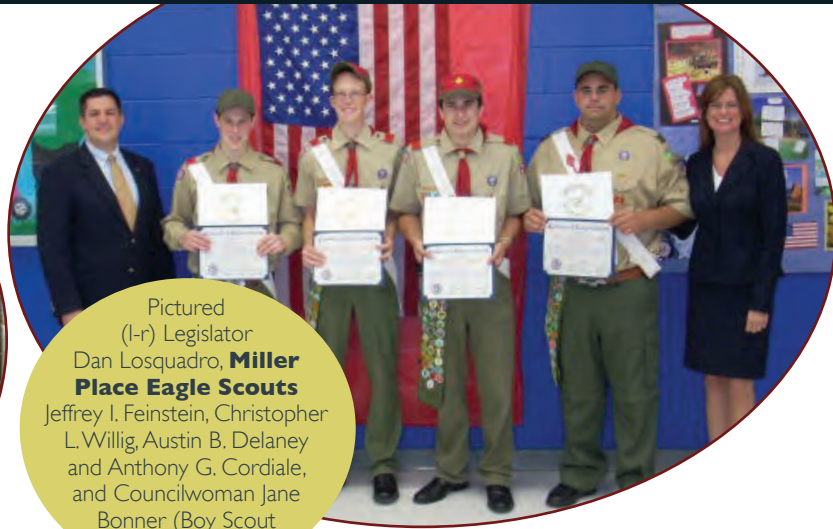
put on a shelf and collect dust. We need to take the very valuable information all of you provided and work together. As a group, we need to preserve the land you want preserved and re-zone the appropriate properties; making the enhancements necessary to keep the corridor safe, charming and rural. Once again thank you for all that you have contributed and I look forward to working with everyone on a successful Phase II.

HONORING OUR YOUTH

Pictured (l-r) Legislator Dan Losquadro, **Rocky Point Eagle Scouts** Nicholas J. Carbo, Adam Edward Pometti, James Thomase Seidler, and Councilwoman Jane Bonner (Boy Scout Troop 244 & Team 244)



Pictured (l-r) Legislator Dan Losquadro, **Miller Place Eagle Scouts** Jeffrey I. Feinstein, Christopher L. Willig, Austin B. Delaney and Anthony G. Cordiale, and Councilwoman Jane Bonner (Boy Scout Troop 204)



Pictured (l-r) Legislator Dan Losquadro, **Rocky Point Gold Award Recipients** Lauren Moutinho, Krystyn Moutinho, Stephanie Osmanski, Caitlin Mallin and Councilwoman Jane Bonner (Girl Scout Troop 2098, Service Unit 54)



Pictured (l-r) Assemblyman Marc Alessi, **Miller Place Eagle Scouts** Benjamin M. Papaleo, Brian E. Kozlowski, Arthur J. Cucchiaro, Christopher T. Paquette, Justin LaSorsa, and Councilwoman Jane Bonner (Boy Scout Troop 453)



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