

# THE CORAM CIVIC ASSOCIATION

## General Membership Meeting

February 25, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by President Erma Gluck, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for our troops home and abroad. Board members present: Erma Gluck, Bob Gluck, Paul Ziems, Vana McClure, Chris Reilly, Kathrine Soscia and Jean Hartling. There were approximately 46 members and guests in attendance.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. The Brookhaven Lions Club and the North Shore Chamber Choir will hold a Chinese Auction on May 10.
2. The Coram Civic Association Country Line Dance program takes place Friday, March 29 at the Fire House. This fund-raiser supports the Civic Community Service Scholarship. 3- The 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Coram Community Summer Concert is scheduled for Saturday, August 10, from 7:00 to 9:00PM at Fire Department Substation #2. Southbound will be performing.
3. The Davis House Historical Society will hold a Victorian Tea Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>. Funds support completion of the interior of the building. It is expected that the house will be open to the public in 2020. A reenactment of the Coram Hay Burning is planned for October 2020 in celebration of its 240<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

The remainder of the meeting was devoted to guest speakers.

### GUEST SPEAKERS:

**Suffolk County Police Commissioner Geraldine Hart** provided an overview of current departmental initiatives.

Emphasis is on:

1. Human trafficking: The Human Trafficking Unit is now permanent and works to remove top traffickers. There have been 34 arrests in Suffolk and incidents are up 200% over previous year. The department is working with non-profit groups to assist victims.
2. The Department continues to work towards elimination MS13 and related gang issues.
3. School Safety: school resource officer training, school safety assessments and unannounced campus controls continue.
4. Opioid prevention: the department focus is on treatment and counseling as prevention to incarceration.

Civic members asked questions about availability of school safety assessments, active shooter training, and local homeless and loitering issues.

The public is invited to the monthly community Precinct meetings held the second Tuesday of each month. The March meeting will be held at 7:00 PM; the April meeting at 10:00 AM. The sign up for the next police exam is April 3 with the exam date June 13.

**Fire Commissioners Van Johnson, Jim Brown** and the Fire Department architect

presented plans for the renovation of Substation 2, which was built in 1977. The bay area needs to be knocked down, due to crumbling floors, and expanded from 2 to 3 bays. The leaky roof and windows are to be replaced and the exterior renovated similar to Substation 3. A bond vote on the issue will be held Tuesday, March 3, from 3:00 to 9:00 PM at the main house. The project is scheduled to start in April and be completed in eighteen months. Chris Reilly will list details of the project on the Civic web site and in Thursday's Community Updates.

### 50/50 Drawing:

The 50/50 was won by Ruby Choy who took home \$17.00.

### Motion to Adjourn:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jean Hartling  
Recording Secretary