

CORAM CIVIC ASSOCIATION

General Membership Meeting

July 22, 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, Jean Hartling.

There were approximately 26 members and guests in attendance.

OFFICER and COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Announcements (Erma Gluck):

1. The Coram Summer Fun Community Concert will take place Saturday August 10th, 7:00 PM at Coram Fire Department Substation, Pine Road and Route 112. Rain date is August 30. Southbound will perform and Veterans will be honored. Admission is free.
2. Brookhaven National Lab "Summer Sundays" continue July 14, 21, 28 and August 1st.
3. The Fire Department will hold a Chinese Auction on Saturday, July 28 starting at 5:00 PM at the main house.

Guest Speaker: NYS 3rd District Assemblyman Joseph DeStefano provided an overview of issues as identified by the people in this district. The cost of living was rated highest priority in a recent survey. The opioid crisis also rates high. Assemblyman DeStefano discussed work on on-going projects:

1. Paving of Middle Country Road and Rt. 112 is scheduled to start and be finished in 2020.
2. Work on a grant to the Longwood Public Library is in progress.
3. Realignment of Coram Mount Sinai Road and Coram Plaza entrance Middle Country Road is being scheduled.
4. Clean up and beautification needs of Coram Plaza are well identified.
5. A much-needed sidewalk from the Coram School to the Davis House will be explored.
6. Civic members asked questions and discussed north Rt. 112 roadwork, voter registration, early voting.

Davis House Historical Society (Maryanne Douglas):

1. A presentation on "The American Revolution and the Lester H. Davis House" will be given at the Longwood Public Library on Saturday, August 24 at 2:00 PM. Residents may register for at the Library.
2. The next meeting of the Davis House Society is August 5 and takes place at the Swezey-Avey House in Yaphank at 7:00 PM. It will include a presentation on "**Women in Long Island History**".
3. The annual Yard Sale and Craft Fair takes place at the Davis House on Saturday, September 21. Vendors are invited to apply. The NY 3rd Regiment and the Harbormen Chorus will entertain.
4. Maryanne thanked Chris Reilly for his work in personally cleaning up the area around the "Welcome to Coram" sign on July 4th.

6th Precinct Report: Officer John Efstathiou:

1. Reviewed crime statistics. Coram has higher incidents than some surrounding communities.
2. The 6th Precinct and Councilman LaValle will sponsor **National Night Out** at the Centereach Pool on Tuesday, August 6th from 5:30 to 8:30 PM. The pool will be open for free night swimming. The annual National Night Out is designed to promote police- community partnerships.
3. "Bowl with a Cop" will be Tuesday, July 30, 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Bowling is free; only bowling shoes will be needed. Event is at the Port Jeff Bowl on Cherub lane, PJ.
4. The next SCPD Community Meeting is August 13 at the Precinct, 10:00 AM. All residents are welcome.

Projects Update (Chris Reilly):

1. The All American Assisted Living Facility (Middle County Road adjacent to Popei's) is now under construction. It will provide one hundred twelve beds and sixty-five full time positions over three shifts.
2. The Taco Bell (proposed just east of Dunkin Donuts) site plan has been submitted.
3. Chris gave an overview of progress on work of the Middle Coram Plaza Task Force. This overview was also given to members with the evening's agenda (attached).

50/50 Drawing:

The 50/50 was won by Francis Muraca, who donated the \$12.00 back to the Civic.

Motion to Adjourn:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Hartling
Recording Secretary

Welcome to the ...
Coram Civic Association

...monthly general meeting.

Monday, July 22, 2019

MEETING AGENDA

- I. 7:30pm - Pledge of Allegiance - and a moment of silence for our troops home and abroad.
- II. **Officer's Reports**
 - a. **President:** community announcements, 3rd Annual Coram Summer Fun Community Concert – Sat, Aug 10
 - b. **Treasurer:** fiscal update
 - c. **Membership Secretary:** membership update
 - d. **Other:** updates, if any
- III. **Board Committees & Liaisons**
 - a. **Planning & Land Use:** update
 - b. **Brookhaven National Lab Citizens Advisory Committee:** update
 - c. **Davis Town Meeting House Society, Inc.:** update-Maryanne Douglas
 - d. **Other:** updates, if any
- IV. **Old Business**
- V. **New Business**
- VI. **Guest Speaker: Assemblyman Joe DeStefano (Assembly District 3)**
- VII. **Open Floor Discussion**
- VIII. **50/50 Drawing**
- IX. **Closing – Next Meeting**

[The Coram Civic Association reserves the right to modify the standard agenda to meet the needs of the particular meeting.]

- 1. **All American Assisted Living Facility**
 - Now under construction (Next to Popei's Restaurant)
 - a. 112 beds to include assisted living and memory care
 - b. 65 full-time positions over 3 shifts
- 2. **Taco Bell** submitted the initial site plans to Brookhaven Town 6 weeks ago.
- 3. **Coram Plaza Revitalization Task Force**
 - a. The Coram Plaza shopping center is owned by three separate entities: Home Depot, RPAI, NYSDOT
 - b. Home Depot is considering the removal of the three wooden benches, planting barberry bushes, & doing a better job of



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Home Depot

collecting their shopping carts. They have cut down the shrubbery in the parking lot to facilitate safer driving.

- c. RPAI (owner & property managers for the balance of the shopping center). There is a new local property manager that is taking over the contact responsibility for the Coram Plaza. A meeting with him and the Task Force leadership is upcoming. Request from the Task Force include:
 - i. Cut back the shrubbery to facilitate safer vehicular passage.
 - ii. Remove the "3rd" shopping center sign from the northwest corner of the plaza (Jerry Lewis days)
 - iii. Add store identifications to the two primary shopping center signs to provide a much better image of the shopping center.
 - iv. Re-sign a Use & Occupancy Permit with the NYSDOT for the maintenance of the DOT-owned land between the parking lot and Middle Country Road.

4. **Other –**

- a. The Task Force is attempting to arrange for an entity to take responsibility for the maintenance of the state-owned open area between the Home Depot parking lot and Middle Country Road. It is called the Adopt-A-Spot program and is the methodology for our NYSDOT to circumvent their responsibility to maintain their property. To date, Home Depot has declined the offer. The Town of Brookhaven has also declined due to budget and facilities constraints. The Task Force is seeking other avenues including contacting the governor's office.
- b. Your Coram Civic will be publishing shortly a contact list for public usage which will allow members of the community to contact specific individuals regarding shopping experiences, suggestions and questions including the reporting of abandoned shopping carts in our communities. We feel this is a much more productive approach to resolving issues and protecting our community than simply posting complaints on various social media platforms. This list will be posted on our website when completed.

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