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A Message From the President

Dear Neighbor,

This month's membership meeting will begin with a Community Recognition segment to thank those volunteers who have taken part in projects to improve the beautification of a location in our hamlet.

To the right are photos of an effort undertaken by **Clark Smith**, a scout with Troop 204, who chose to replace the split-rail fence in the Miller Place Pond Park (originally named Willow Pond) as his Eagle Project. This was quite an undertaking. It included not only planning the necessary materials, but also fundraising to purchase the fencing and recruiting fellow scouts and parents to assist with the actual labor. The job was completed just recently by Clark and his crew, so be sure to take a look as you *slowly* drive along North Country Road.

This type of individual effort makes a big difference in our community. Another example is the anonymous person who planted impatiens in the old box on Sylvan Avenue and Samuels Path. Driving by each time, I thought how this simple accomplishment made my day just a little nicer. Another plus in a recent litter survey for Districts 1, 2, & 3 showed a distinct improvement in those areas that had beautification endeavors in the past year. If there's a spot you think could use some aesthetic help, remember it for next spring when we're asking for suggestions.

Happy Halloween, and watch out for all the Trick-or-Treaters that will surely be out this Friday night.

Kathy Rousseau



General Membership Meeting

Monday October 27, 2008

7:30-9:30 PM

Miller Place High School

- **Community Recognition**
- **Paul Degen, Town Law Dept. Senior Investigator**
- **School Superintendent Grace Brindley**
 - "School Space Bond Presentation"

Next Meeting Nov. 24th

Brookhaven 2030

Brookhaven's Comprehensive Plan  Planning the Future

The Brookhaven 2030 project was initiated late last year to update our 1996 Comprehensive Plan. The outsourced project was awarded to Urbitran who hosted a number of community events in an effort to find out what we liked, disliked, and what vision we wanted of our Town by the year 2030. Urbitran also worked with the Town staff and a citizens steering group to help gather and interpret the data. One concern became clear. Should population growth continue at the current rate, Brookhaven will have approximately 90,000 more people in the year 2030. Questions involving the impact to housing, transportation, infrastructure, economics, environmental and historic/cultural resources would be investigated.



The Town of Brookhaven hosted a series of meetings last week to summarize their findings and to provide Urbitran's recommendations. The purpose of these meetings was two-fold. The first step was to present the data gathered during the past year with an opportunity to provide comments that may have been missed. Secondly, to apply eight fundamental guidelines, derived from the previously mentioned data, and apply them to each of the council districts in the form of an intense period of design activity, or a charrette.

Currently, the eight guidelines for the Town Comprehensive 2030 Plan are to:

1. Preserve and enhance open space and community character; ensure environmental protection.
2. Build consensus with residents, community leaders, stake holders & public agencies.
3. Supply housing opportunities that are fair, diverse & equitably distributed.
4. Redirect growth to areas served by infrastructure, revitalize downtowns, & establish pedestrian-oriented centers that have a sense of place.
5. Efficiently expand community facilities & services to promote healthy communities.
6. Expand the range of transportation options.
7. Ensure a sustainable tax base through business & job development.
8. Provide incentives and enforcement to implement the principles of the Comprehensive Plan.

Two areas were identified in District 2, namely the Route 25A corridor and the North Shore water front. For the 25A corridor, a "Main Street" environment was demonstrated. The feedback items were:

1. Architecture and development should reflect historic character. Place names and street names should reflect history of the place.
2. Create an architectural review board.
3. Setbacks with walls and gateways should be developed along arterials to buffer commercial development.
4. Respect intended functionality of roadway - not every street can be a main street - arterials should be arterial.
5. Mixed use preference over Big Box.
6. Concern for "overdevelopment" due to multiple mixed-use proposal.

The North Shore water front plans were quite vague, though the following feedback was presented:

1. Waterfront and public beach access /need for an access plan.

2. Town should work with beach associations to allow for more access.
3. Town should acquire land for access and parking.
4. Acquire houses on the bluff and reclaim as public open space.
5. Comprehensive approach to addressing non-point source pollution.
6. Public education on water conservation and storm water; limiting use of pesticides and fertilizers.
7. Wetland protection.

Issues and feedback were gathered for all of the discussions and presentations over the weekend with a summary of the event provided at the following link: http://www.brookhaven2030.org/pdfs/charrette_tuesday_results.pdf .

The current schedule for the Town is to begin a draft of the Brookhaven 2030 Comprehensive Plan to be discussed at a public hearing sometime in the late January or February 2009 timeframe.

We encourage you to become involved. The Town is still in the “thinking” stage and your ideas count. To learn more about the Town's Brookhaven 2030 program, visit <http://www.brookhaven2030.org> .

North Country Road Project

Citizens in our Historic District are working on a plan to deal with the large amount of noise, safety and dangerous traffic conditions associated with North Country Road. Woody Brown has put in a lot of effort discussing the problems and gathering feedback from the neighborhood. A series of meetings with the Town involving a six-point plan based on the local consensus has begun:

1. Reduce speed limit/discourage use of North Country Road as speedway cut-through.
2. Reduce road shoulders and visually narrow roadway.
3. No commercial traffic (except local delivery).
4. Reduce Signage and for those signs required, make them aesthetically consistent with an Historic District.
5. Tree planting and proper maintenance.
6. Strict enforcement per our hamlet studies (traffic calming is *not* working).



A seventh point, to bury utility lines, was also brought up during the discussions.

The first phase of the project was to initiate two traffic studies, one for the summer season and a second for the winter season to quantify the North Country Road traffic. A brief summary of the data generated in front of the pond per day is:

Volume of traffic:

- Eastbound: 4,905
- Westbound: 4,346

In the 3-week study, **212,772** vehicles went past the pond!

Speed:

- exceeding 45 mph – 3,568 cars per day
- exceeding 55 mph – 698 cars per day
- exceeding 65 mph – 381 cars per day

- **The top speed registered was 99.3 mph!**

***Suffolk County PD,
where are you?***

Remember, this is in front of **our school campus** with a 20 MPH posting, around an equally challenging curve around the pond, and through a residential historic neighborhood.

A second study will be conducted later this fall.

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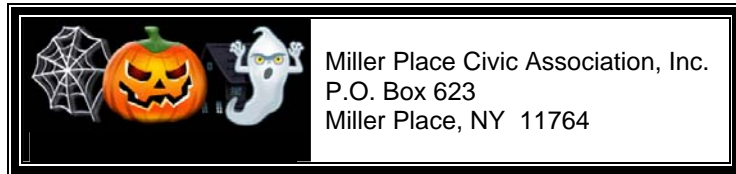
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Board Meetings are held the second Monday of the month.

General membership meetings are held the fourth Monday of the month.

November meeting will be held on November 24.



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