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## **IT'S TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP**

*A Message from the President*

Dear Neighbor,

**Our annual Miller Place clean-up will be held on April 12th beginning at 9 AM and we are asking you all to help out.** We'll meet by the old Waldbaum's to distribute garbage bags, gloves and shirts. Brookhaven staff will be participating and available for discussing any of your specific problems. If you'd like to "adopt" a road in your neighborhood for the morning on your own, please email us at [millerplacecivic@aol.com](mailto:millerplacecivic@aol.com) so that we know the area is covered. In the past we've made a huge difference by pitching in for this one morning. Please consider helping out-you can just show up but I'd appreciate a quick email or call so we have an idea how many volunteers will be present.

Hope to see you then, Kathy Rousseau

### **Planning/Zoning Update**

There have been no changes to the issues we've been reporting on. Suffolk County plans to purchase the development rights to the Delea Sod Farm. There has been no movement on the Branch Funeral Home or Vassalaros property. The Miller Place Plaza (TGIF) application was approved by town council. Walbaums is still vacant, for now.

### **Cedar Beach News**

The annual Cedar Beach Cleanup will take place April 26th. From 8AM until the work is completed, usually about 1:00. There will be coffee and bagels in the morning and lunch provided to volunteers. The Town of Brookhaven Animal Shelter, Councilwoman Jane Bonner, Town of Brookhaven Highway Dept, the Parks Department, Dept of Environmental Conservation and Dept of Environmental Protection are now actively involved in the removal of all feral cats, their shelters and feeding stations at Cedar Beach. This is being done as per the requirements of the Federal Government's plan to protect the piping plovers. Local rescuers including Rita Miszuk (MP Beautification Committee), Arlynne Schatzkamer Bleier (Brookhaven Feral Cat Rescue), Caroline Scuba (Save a Pet), Linda and Fred Dow (and the Board Members of CARE), Dawn Reilly (The Animal Alliance of Long Island) are some of the people who were asked to be involved. The cats are being removed, tested, spayed/neutered, vaccinated and ear tipped. They will be removed to a new site with caretakers. All animals that are terminally ill or contagious are to be humanely euthanized. Dumping of cats in the future at the beach will be prosecuted as a criminal action to prevent a new colony from appearing. Proposals have been submitted by all of the above rescuers for future legislation and plans for feral cats throughout the island as well as how local vets and shelters can help.

These groups will be collecting items for garage sales in the spring to raise money. All financial and large item donations are tax deductible. Better on a Bagel and many local residents have already helped raise thousands to test, spay and neuter and give medical attention to local strays and ferals.



**Miller Place's Annual Cleanup  
along with  
The Great Brookhaven Cleanup  
April 12, 2008 9:00AM  
Staging area: Old Waldbaums Store  
Bags, Gloves and shirts provided**

**Keep Brookhaven Beautiful & Keep America  
Beautiful Inc. invite you to join the Great  
American Cleanup**

Every spring, individuals and groups join the Great American Cleanup, the nation's largest organized cleanup, beautification and community improvement program. Last year,

over 2.3 million people in more than 15,000 communities all across America volunteered to pick up millions of tons of litter, renew parks, plant community gardens, beautify miles of roadway, and clean up rivers, lakes and seashores in their community and more.

The volunteers know that they really make a difference, and the results are dramatic! The communities look clean and beautiful, and there is a sense of hometown pride and accomplishment.

So, don't wait for someone else to do it ... volunteer for this year's Great American Cleanup  
*"Join me and thousands of Brookhaven residents as we give our town a clean up on April 5 and 12, 2008. Don't miss this great opportunity to be part of the Great Brookhaven Cleanup and help fight litter."*  
~Brian X. Foley~

**Beautification** Once the April cleanup has concluded we will be assessing the areas that can use beautification. We are seeking suggestions for areas around town that you'd like to see enhanced. Some of the areas we have been planning are the Sylvan Avenue Park (now that there's a water source), the pond area, and the island on Woodhull and Old Rocky Point Road.

To all our gardeners... now is a great time to divide your overgrown perennials. If you have extra plants please consider bringing them down to the area outside the Sylvan Avenue sump and plant them yourself, starting at the Echo Ave side, at a time that's convenient for you. This is a large area that is in need of beautification and some of you have expressed interest in helping out. It hadn't been in good enough condition to be planted until now but is ready to be enhanced by hosta, lilies, cone flowers or whatever else you care to donate. The park is being utilized more and more by our residents and this can become a wonderful community garden that we can all be proud of contributing to.

**The Suffolk County Women's Advisory Commission's** purpose, as outlined in their mission statement, is to help eliminate discrimination against women, insure equal opportunity for women, and to promote the equal status of women in our society. Twenty-six women, selected by various branches of Suffolk County government, have agreed to volunteer their time to be the eyes and ears of all Suffolk County women. The newest member is Gloria Santillo from Miller Place, who was sworn in by legislator Dan Losquadro earlier this year. Although the task at hand is large, their group is committed to obtaining and maintaining a strong knowledge of the concerns and needs of Suffolk County's female population. To this end, several committees have been formed, and more will be added as our scope expands: Legal Issues, Housing and the Homeless, Senior Care, Health Issues, & Website. They have accomplished much since their first meeting in January of 2001, and they look forward to doing much more. They welcome the women of Suffolk County to join them by working on any one of their committees. Call 853-8290

**Civic Board Elections** will take place at our May 19th meeting. There are two incumbents running and an open position. If you are interested and have extra time to volunteer please contact us. We ask that you be available for our monthly board and general membership meetings each month.

**Historic News: Beep! Honk! Bark!**

The historical society is proud to announce that the Long Island Street Rod Association(LISRA) will be displaying beautifully restored old cars as a fundraiser for the society. They are very excited about this new program. LISRA has been in existence for 35 years and according to its requirements, accepts cars up to 1975. Each car is privately owned, beautifully restored and proudly displayed by the owners. There will be a great variety of exciting vehicles such as street rods, muscle cars, customs, and antiques. The date for this event is Sunday, June 1 with a rain date of Sunday, June 22. The cars will be located on the grounds of the historic William Miller and Hawkins houses on North Country Rd. Gates will open at 12 PM and close at 5 PM. The \$6 fee for adults (children under 12 free) entitles you to visit both sites.

In addition, the Long Island Greyhound Transfer group, a nonprofit and all-volunteer organization, will have a display which includes beautiful greyhounds for your family to see. The purpose of the organization is to educate the public about the plight of the greyhound after the conclusion of their racing careers. This sounds like an educational opportunity for everyone. Mark your calendar now. They hope to see you there!

**Upcoming Meetings**

April 28 Suffolk County COPE officer

May 19 Speaker TBA Board Elections

**General Membership Meeting**

**March 31, 2008 7:30 PM**

**Brookhaven Town Councilwoman  
Jane Bonner**

**Miller Place High School Library**

Please remember to renew:

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2008 Annual Dues: \$15.00 New \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_\_





