

Miller Place Civic Association, Inc.

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A Message from the President

Dear Neighbor,

I'm writing this aboard one of the local ferries that I rely on for transportation to and from family in CT and MA. It's a gorgeous day and the view is magnificent and I can't help but be extra thankful for our new governor's wisdom in denying approval of the Broadwater plan. The argument that it would have helped reduce our future energy costs was never one that convinced me it would counteract the industrialization of the LI Sound. We've all heard the arguments for and against Broadwater for years now. A positive plan for Long Island? Perhaps, but only if all of the fuel benefit was headed our way instead of a miniscule portion. Now Connecticut needs to step up to the plate and consider the Islander East natural gas pipeline as an alternate plan once again, along with every one of us reducing our energy consumption.

Kathy Rousseau

Suffolk County Police Commanding Officer Inspector Frank Stallone, Executive Officer Deputy Inspector Jan Rios, and Operations Officer Captain George Fasanelli met with representatives from civic associations and other interested groups April 17th for our first community meeting to discuss the issues we are concerned with in our hamlets, as well as explaining to us the mechanics behind the police coverage provided through this precinct. We plan to continue to meet bi-monthly.

The sixth precinct covers approximately 100 square miles of 22 hamlets from Smith Haven Mall to the west, Rocky Point to the east, the Long Island Sound to the north and the railroad tracks to the south. There are 20 sectors in the 6th and it is the largest and 3rd busiest in Suffolk County. Inspector Stallone said the sector cars are the backbone of their patrol force which is then supplemented by 2 teams of 5 COPE (Community Oriented Patrol Enforcement) officers, working rotating shifts of 8-4 and 4-12. These COPE officers are also pulled to cover absences of sector officers as needed. There are 140 officers supplemented by sergeants, lieutenants and other supervisors adding to approximately 165 total. Each sector car covers 5 square miles with the average car responding to 8-10 calls per day. 90% of all calls are traffic related, and 19% of the 9,000 calls from 2007 were on Rt. 25. The issues we discussed for Miller Place concerned speed enforcement, problem adolescents, and we touched on the problems on our beaches experience during warmer weather. There are no easy answers, but we are hopeful that this open communication will allow us to prioritize areas and try to devise workable solutions.

Surprisingly, this meeting was not well attended by community members and the other issues discussed dealt primarily with the Farmingville and Medford communities ongoing problems with workers congregating in areas near residences and subsequent traffic concerns due to businesses picking up the workers blocking roadways.

The 6th precinct encourages residents to email questions through their departmental web site, www.co.suffolk.ny.us/police/. Your questions/comments will be passed to the appropriate command staff to manage. Come speak to a police officer at our April 28th Meeting at 7:30 in the HS Library.

Miller Place Annual Cleanup We thank the wonderful volunteers who participated in our first cleanup on April 12th. There were 40 residents of all ages who cleaned at several locations around town. A list of these volunteers will be posted on our web site. We also want to acknowledge and thank Better on a Bagel and Starbucks for their food and drink contributions. Legislator Dan Losquadro also provided cases of water.



The Larson family cleaning Echo Avenue

Our next cleanup date is May 3rd and we will again meet in front of the old Waldbaums site to sign-in and pass out supplies.

Beautification To all our gardeners... I want to again remind you to think of our beautification efforts around town when you are dividing perennials. May 17th has been designated as the Great Brookhaven plant-in and we will be receiving flats of annuals from the Holtsville ecology site to plant at our discretion. We have ongoing efforts at our Welcome signs, Sylvan Avenue park, the sump on Sylvan Avenue, the island at Miller Place Road and Miller Place/Yaphank road We have plans for the island on Old Rocky Point Road/ Woodhull landing and are looking for volunteers, hoping neighbors will respond to helping out. Last year the highway department cleaned it out, planted grass and will continue to mow. It was unfortunately used as a dump for leaves and branched for many years. Please call or email if you're interested in participating. This work is very rewarding, especially if it's an area you pass yourself everyday.

Planning/Zoning County Legislator Daniel Losquadro is pleased to announce the approval of planning steps for the acquisition of the remaining 95.88 acres of the DeLea Sod Farm in Miller Place. Coming on the heels of last year's unanimously supported resolution to preserve 142 acres of the main body of the DeLea Sod Farm, the Suffolk County Legislature's Environment, Planning & Agriculture committee unanimously approved the initial steps to acquire the Farmland Development Rights for the remaining

acreage scattered throughout 343 out parcels, which will allow Suffolk County to preserve the entire DeLea Sod Farm. "The DeLea Sod Farm is a very important parcel in the heart of Miller Place that needs to be preserved," Legislator Losquadro said, noting that it is one of the last remaining sod farms in eastern Brookhaven Town. This resolution is slated to come up for a vote before the full Legislature at the April 29, 2008 general meeting. We are cautiously optimistic that this purchase will be a reality in the not too distant future.

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. Bios of those running will be published in our next newsletter.

Membership : Please renew your membership for 2008. Welcome to new members Mr. and Mrs. Lindemann. It is now difficult for those members receiving emailed newsletters to keep track of their renewal status since you can't rely on the dated mailing label. I will begin periodically emailing those of you who have not yet renewed as a reminder. New residents are added to our mailing list for a month which is indicated with an * after your name. Please visit our Web Site, millerplacecivic.org, to learn more about our association and consider membership. New members receive a 3 month subscription to the North Shore Sun.

Historical Society News Long Island Street Rod Association (LISRA) will be displaying beautifully restored old cars as a fundraiser for the society on Sunday, June 1 with a rain date of Sunday, June 22. Check out details at their web site www.mpmshistoricalsociety.org/

Cedar Beach The annual Cedar Beach Cleanup will take place April 26th from 8AM until the work is completed, usually about 1:00. Breakfast and lunch will be provided to volunteers.

Traffic Safety Chairman Frank Klement announced that the State Department of Transportation has completed their investigation of Rita Miszuk's request for the installation of left turn arrows on Route 25A at Pipe Stave Hollow Road. This included an accident analysis and field observations of the area. They have determined that the installation of an eastbound and westbound Route 25A left turn arrow is appropriate and will be installed in an upcoming Traffic safety Contract. Thank-you Rita for your perseverance!

The State DOT will also be planting additional trees along the north side of Route 25A between Sylvan Road and Miller Place Road this spring. We are looking into grant money for future tree planting along this road through our hamlet.

Community Meeting on Solid Waste "Waste Not, Want What? The 3 Rs(recycle, reduction, reuse)", sponsored by the Heritage Trust, will be presented Tuesday April 29th at 7:15PM at the Heritage Center, North Shore Heritage Park, Mt. Sinai. The goals are: to inform citizens about the management of solid waste in Brookhaven Town, describe solid waste disposal from condos, commerce and schools, increase public awareness and participation in the "3Rs", and attempt to continue to build cooperative

action in the future.

Keep Brookhaven Beautiful cleanups were extremely successful over the weekends of April 5th and 12th. Approximately 80 tons of litter and recyclables were picked up just those two dates. The town is encouraging groups who wish to continue cleaning an area throughout the year to notify them through the Adopt-A-Spot program at 451-TOWN.

General Membership Meeting
April 28, 2008 7:30 PM
Suffolk County 6th Precinct Police Officer
Miller Place High School Library

Next Meeting May 19, 2008 7:30PM

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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.

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