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## ***A Message From the President***

Dear Neighbor,

Nino Militello, the property owner of the old Waldbaums, has confirmed that he now has the keys back for the building through an agreement with Stop & Shop, and he is actively pursuing a tenant. Although not committed, TJ Maxx has viewed the property several times and appears very interested. Many of us would've preferred to see another supermarket but apparently S&S has managed to corner the current supermarket business in our hamlet through their deal with A&P to assume the lease as Waldbaums vacated. I'm sure this was all done legally, but ethically it was reprehensible and S&S should be ashamed of their ploy. We are anxious to see that vacant business filled as soon as possible. It has put an excessive and unwarranted strain on the smaller stores in this center and I'd like to encourage you to please shop there whenever you can.

Kathy Rousseau

### **MP Civic Board of Directors**

This month's general membership meeting brings the annual election for our civic Board of Directors. This year there are four open positions and currently four individuals running for those positions. The incumbents are Frank Klement, Rita Miszuk, and Kathy Rousseau. The newcomer is Kevin Cantwell. Anyone else interested can be nominated from the floor that evening, or these individuals will be accepted by acclamation.

**Kevin Cantwell**-Kevin J. Cantwell has been a resident of Sound Beach with his wife Debbie for over 7 years. He is a graduate of Miller Place High School. Kevin is currently the Secretary of the Rocky Point Lions club and has been involved in many civic and volunteer activities for many years. Currently Kevin operates a financial services practice from his Miller Place office. Kevin has two grown children, Brian & Katie, as well as a very active three year old grandson named Jonathan, who enjoyed planting at the park last year. He has been involved with the beautification efforts recently maintaining the two local welcome road signs.

**Frank Klement**- Frank has been a resident of Miller Place for 32 years and a board member for the past four. He was a purchasing agent in the defense industry and the commercial construction field. He is chairman of our Traffic Safety Committee and was successful in obtaining the "No Thru Truck Traffic" signs along Miller Place Rd. south of Rte. 25A and additional speed enforcement from SCPD. He was involved in the North Country Rd. crosswalk and island improvement project, the Town Highway Dept.'s road and drainage repair program, and the placement of the No Turn on Red signs at Miller Place Road and 25A. Frank is the MPCA's representative to Affiliated Brookhaven Civic Organization.

**Rita Miszuk**-Rita worked as an art teacher in the Bronx after graduating from N.Y.U. She moved into art for children with special needs and then became a full time special education teacher. She relocated to Long Island and worked in the special education department in the William Floyd School District. Upon moving to Miller Place she began teaching in the Comsewogue School District. After teaching for ten years, she decided to enter the fields of banking, real estate and mortgaging. She is currently a 22 year veteran certified N.Y. State Real Estate Appraiser with her own appraisal business. Rita has been working on cleaning up and landscaping the Marbeth Circle Sump and the Sylvan Avenue Sump as well as the LIPA R.O.W. She is the mother of an 18 year old college student and a 28 year old State Trooper upstate.

Rita is a board member of the newly formed Brookhaven Feral Cat Commission who is working to set up sanctuaries for abandoned cats and to preserve the songbirds and piping plover. She is a member of the Animal Alliance of Long Island.

**Kathy Rousseau** - Kathy has been a resident of Miller Place for 19 years. She is an occupational therapist providing services primarily to pre-school students through elementary school children. She has served as President of the MPCA for the past four years and previously as vice-president. She maintains the membership list, prepares newsletters, manages and delivers e-mail communications and is a member of the Zoning/Planning and Beautification Committees. Her responsibility has been to coordinate general communication and plans of the MPCA, and over site of committees.

### **Beautification**

There are several sites being worked on this month. Civic member Nikki Cagno-Angerame is overseeing the rejuvenation of the intersection of Miller Place Road/ Miller Place Yaphank Road, and the island at Woodhull Landing and Old Rocky Point Road. Nikki is a teacher by day and landscaper much of the rest of her time so her volunteer efforts are most appreciated. We are using grant money received from the town and state last year for topsoil, bushes and plants. As part of the Great Brookhaven Plant-in on May 17th we are receiving annuals, compost and wood chips for several of these sites.

There will also be plantings completed at our Welcome signs, and at Sylvan Avenue Park. There are developing plans for the pond in keeping with the historical character of that part of our community. Clark Smith, a Troop 204 Boy Scout working towards his Eagle Rank is planning to replace the split rail fence surrounding the pond. Rita Miszuk continues her groups efforts to complete the Marbeth Circle sump exterior area, and the Sylvan Avenue sump with the assistance most recently from Rich Provenzano from A.A.P. Designs in Miller Place. I hope you've noticed the new trees along Route 25A in front of The Vineyards. These were obtained through and planted by the State Department of Transportation. We are pursuing information on grants to continue similar plantings along this roadway for the future.

**Councilwoman Jane Bonner's office** is pleased to announce that the Parks Department has completed the paved walking path circling around Sylvan Avenue Park, and new playground equipment has been ordered and will be put in place within a months time. If the budget allows, some new landscaping will be done as well. A security light will also be installed as a deterrent for all the graffiti that occurs on the handball court. A water source has been installed so that additional beautification efforts can successfully thrive and be enjoyed.

**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/](http://www.mpmshistoricalsociety.org/)

**School Budget Vote and Trustee Election  
May 20th  
North Country Road School 6AM-9PM**

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**12<sup>th</sup> Annual Joe Keany Memorial 5K Run/Walk  
and  
1 Mile Family Fun Run/Walk  
June 1st  
Call 744-3821 for more information**

**Membership**

Welcome to our newest member, Lucy Novinsky. Please renew your membership for the year 2008 if you haven't done so already. Check your label for the year you are paid up through if you receive a USPS mailed copy. New residents are added to our mailing list for several months which is indicated with an \* after your name. We hope you consider learning about and joining our association.

**Traffic-Safety** Frank Klement has managed a number of projects this past year. Traffic studies were requested for Oakland Ave, between North Country Rd. and 25A. There was a positive outcome with the town reducing the speed limit, reducing the turn radius, and improving visibility with brush and tree limb removal.

A State Dept. of Transportation traffic study was requested for a traffic light at Sylvan Avenue and 25A. This request was denied, however he has recently appealed to them to re-evaluate the situation. Frank participated in the State DOT roundabout decision for the intersection of Miller Place-Yaphank Rd. and Whiskey Rd. This project was approved, however, no date for construction has been announced. It is possible that a delay is due to land acquisition.

**Upcoming Fall 2008 Monthly Meetings**

Sept. 22nd Oct. 27th Nov. 24th Let us know if there are any issues you'd be interested hearing at a presentation.

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Address _____	\$15.00
Telephone _____	_____New
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**General Membership Meeting**

**Monday May 19, 2008**

**7:30-9:30 PM**

**Miller Place High School Library**

**American Red Cross**

**Disaster Preparedness**