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A message from the President

Dear Neighbor,

After six years of requesting an update to Sylvan Avenue Park, particularly the playground equipment, Councilwoman Jane Bonner's office finally listened and came through for us in working with the Park's Dept.

There is still work to be done but so far the update has brought many families to the park and the word from the children is that "it's great." This is appropriate primarily for school age children and basically too challenging for younger ones. We have asked that the remaining available space be considered for preschool equipment and handicapped accessible options. If you have suggestions please pass them on to us.

Anyone interested in developing and working on plans to plant and maintain small gardens along the perimeter of the playground and along the walking trail please contact me to discuss ideas. The civic has funding available for beautification and a water supply is now available at the park now making this a realistic endeavor.

The Miller Place Road wedge is looking beautiful thanks to a group of volunteers led by Nikki Cagno-Angerame. Thanks to Frank Klement, Woody Brown, Larry Brown, Roberta Goldberg, Kyle Markott, Jim Moran, Rich Schlutte, Suzanne Sauer and Pam Ziaontz for their time and effort. There's more to come in the Fall at this site.

Kathy Rousseau

Community Updates

There has been no forward movement this summer on plans previously brought to your attention . Most, but not yet all, of the DeLea Sod Farm is slated for the purchase of development rights by Suffolk County. Waldbaums and the free standing building in front are still empty. TGIF+ has been approved by the town but waiting for permits which they expect within five months, breaking ground shortly afterwards. They are still working with the Town and State regarding a traffic light for 25A. Branch Funeral Home on 25A has not yet been presented to the town for a change of zone and planning approvals. Walgreens (Gings) site plan has yet to be reintroduced to the town but in reality may not really be gone. The Vassalaros property contacts have not been heard from but are still clearly on our radar.

Dress For Success, sponsored by the Town of Brookhaven's Office of Women's Services, promotes the economic independence of disadvantaged women by providing professional attire, a network of support, and the career development tools to help women thrive I work and life. It is the Suffolk County equivalent for Success Worldwide, which serves women in nearly 80 cities in five countries.

You can help by donating new or gently used items of clothing that you would feel comfortable wearing

on a job interview yourself. They accept donations at the Medford location on Tuesday and Thursday from 10-3AM, and Saturday from 1-4PM. All donations should be in excellent condition, clean and on hangers. They accept suits, skirt, slacks, jackets, dresses, handbags, and accessories. Many of us have good clothing in our closets that we're "saving" for the day we get back to that perfect size. Most of us try to donate used clothing to a local agency so this is another option.

For further information call 451-9127, or access www.dressforsuccess.org/brookhaven. They also appreciate volunteers to help suit clients, and sort donations.



Sylvan Avenue Park's new playground equipment.

Cell phones for Soldiers

If you have an old cell phone lying around the house you can put them to good use.

"Cell Phones for Soldiers" is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to help our troops call home. The cell phone program turns old cell phones into prepaid calling cards for U.S. Troops stationed overseas."

The majority of used cell phones are thrown in the trash or stuffed in a drawer. "Cell Phones for Soldiers" is a cost-free, tax-deductible alternative that gives soldiers thousands of miles away a means to communicate with their loved ones back home.

"Cell Phones for Soldiers" was started by two teenagers from Massachusetts who wanted to show their appreciation for the men and women who serve in the U.S. Military. The way the program works is the used cell phones are sent to ReCellular, which pays for the donated phones. Each phone generates enough revenue to provide an hour of talk time to soldiers abroad. Since the program began, more than 400,000 prepaid calling cards have been distributed.

If you have a cell phone you would like to donate you can access the "Cell Phones for Soldiers" program by visiting senatorlavage.com, go to Senate Update, Supporting Our Troops/Assisting Our Veterans, and click on [Cell Phones for Soldiers](#). Your tax deductible donation will be a much appreciated way of recognizing the commitment and sacrifice of our troops abroad.

The ICE program is a communication system that allows emergency personnel to identify victims and contact their next of kin to obtain important medical information. To participate in the program all you need to do is enter the acronym "ICE" with a name and phone number into your cell phone address book. In emergency situations, contacts listed under "ICE" can be contacted by emergency medical service providers to inform them of a family member or friend's emergency situation as well as to acquire pertinent medical information. This simple action is critical in situations where individuals are incapacitated and unable to provide information themselves.

For anyone that doesn't have a cell phone the Sheriff's Office provides free Medical Identification Cards that contain critical information for first responders. The contact person for the ICE program is Assistant to the Sheriff, James "Butch" Langhorn. He can be reached at (631) 852-2207. This free program is funded through asset forfeiture money, not with taxpayer dollars. If you need more information on the program contact FRES at (631) 852-4900.

2008 Hurricane Season: June 1 - Nov. 30 - BE PREPARED!

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) hurricane forecasters are predicting that this year's hurricane season will be above normal. Their predictions include: **12 to 16** named storms, with **6 to 9** becoming hurricanes, of which **2 to 5** could become 'major' hurricanes of Category 3 strength or higher. Most of the peak activity is expected to take place during August through October.

To be prepared for a natural or man made emergency, Suffolk County and the American Red Cross suggest having a three to five day supply of the following items in your homes or businesses:

One gallon of water per person per day, for drinking and sanitation

At least a three-day supply of non-perishable food

Battery-powered radio and extra batteries

Flashlight and extra batteries

First Aid kit, essential prescription drugs and common over the counter medications

Whistle to signal for help Dust mask or cotton t-shirt to help filter the air

Moist towelettes for sanitation

Portable fire extinguisher
Wrench or pliers to turn off burst water utilities
Manual can opener for food
Plastic sheeting and duct tape to shelter-in-place, if instructed to be used by authorities
Infant formula and diapers for infant care
Garbage bags and plastic ties for sanitation needs
Protective clothing, rainwear and blankets
All important personal, property and insurance documents, keys and cash together in a water-tight package or container along with written instructions for how to turn off your home's utilities.
Have on hand plywood, nails and other materials needed to board up windows and protect your home.
Full fuel tanks in personal vehicles.

Membership Welcome to our newest members, Ed & Gerri Parthe. 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.

Upcoming Fall 2008 Monthly Meetings Oct. 27th Nov. 24th Let us know if there are any issues you'd be interested hearing at a presentation.

General Membership Meeting

Monday September 22, 2008

7:30-9:30 PM

Miller Place Fire Department

Town of Brookhaven

2030 Comprehensive Land Use Plan

THIS IS IMPORTANT TO ALL RESIDENTS!!

Bring a friend