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CORAM CIVIC ASSOCIATION COMMUNITY UPDATE...

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Our Mission Statement:

"Offering a Unified Voice towards Bettering the Quality of Life in Coram."

Let's hear your vision for your community!
Influence plans affecting Coram before the decisions are made. Be part of the solution!

To download an application, click on [Membership!](#)

...and while you are at it, please join or renew your membership with the



Davis Town Meeting House Society, Inc.

**Stewards of the
Lester H. Davis House**

(Corner of Coram-Mt. Sinai & MiddleCountry Rds.)

...for more information, visit the [Davis Town Meeting House Society!](#)



In the news for...

NEW YORK STATE

U.S. edging up to 323M population NEWSDAY; Dec 31, 2015

Estimates released yesterday peg the number of people at 322,762,018 on Jan. 1, 2016. The projected increase is the net result of births over deaths and an influx of immigrants, the census report says...

...[read article](#)

LONG ISLAND

LI's 3rd track gets 2nd chance NEWSDAY; Jan 6, 2016

While some transit and builders groups praised the proposal, residents and political leaders in communities likely to be impacted by the plan say their concerns are no different now from a decade ago...[read article](#)

Feds roundup of immigrants stirs worries on LI Newsday; Jan 6, 2016

“As I have said repeatedly, our borders are not open to illegal immigration,” said Department of Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson...[read article](#)

Tougher rules would help protect LI's water NEWSDAY; Jan 4, 2016

Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo recently vetoed a bill to tightly regulate mulching facilities, saying it wasn't necessary with new regulations coming. So now he's on the hook, too. Long Island's water must be protected...[read article](#)

SUFFOLK COUNTY

Bellone inaugural speech touts diversity NEWSDAY; Jan 4, 2016

Imam Amin Ur Rahman of the Islamic Association of Long Island in Selden led the last of four prayers On the program...[read article](#)

PBA chief: “Burke lifted cop morale” NEWSDAY; Jan 4, 2015

County police union president Noel DiGerolamo still sang Burke's praises last week. “I still give him tremendous credit for what he did,” DiGerolamo said while attending **County Executive Steve Bellone's** inaugural ceremony on Wednesday...[read article](#)

Ex-Suffolk Police Chief's Arrest Comes Amid a Broader Federal Inquiry

NEW YORK TIMES; Jan 3, 2016

Even today the crime is remembered, with a shudder, across Long Island. Hidden in the woods in Smithtown, N.Y., a boy's battered body was found with six rocks jammed down his throat. The prosecution's key witnesses included a teenager named **James Burke**, whose testimony against his neighborhood friends helped send them to prison. The murder happened in 1979, and the case began Mr. Burke's involvement with law enforcement...[read article](#)

Two more to retire NEWSDAY; Dec 31, 2015

Two more members of the Suffolk County police criminal intelligence unit have resigned, two weeks after the Burke indictment...[read article](#)

Ex-top cop gets \$434,000 payout NEWSDAY; Jan 5, 2016

Former Suffolk police chief James Burke will get a check for \$434,370 for unused sick and vacation time...[read article](#)



Suffolk County Sheriff's Office: PROJECT LIFESAVER

Project Lifesaver is a countywide emergency response locator service capable of finding individuals with cognitive impairment if they wander and become lost. Clients wear a personalized one ounce battery operated transmitter bracelet which emits a tracking signal every second, 24 hours a day. Transmitters are smaller than a quarter and each transmitter has its own unique frequency. Additionally, the Sheriff's Project Lifesaver personnel are specially trained, not only in search and

rescue with the use of the electronic tracking equipment, but also in the methods necessary to communicate with a person who has a cognitive impairment such as Autism, or other mental challenges. To be eligible for Project Lifesaver, clients must be a resident of Suffolk County and have a cognitive impairment diagnosis that is confirmed by a physician...[more info](#)

TOWN OF BROOKHAVEN

Councilwoman Connie Kepert Visits the new David Overton Road Multi-Use Trail

12/28/15 Farmingville, NY – Councilwoman Connie Kepert visited the recently completed multi-use path along the David Overton Trail that travels through the Overton Preserve. The David Overton Preserve, which extends through the hamlets of Coram, Gordon Heights, and Medford, is several hundred acres of woodlands, wetlands and meadows. As the President of the Middle Island Civic Association, Councilwoman Kepert fought for the preservation of this environmentally and historically significant land. After taking office in 2006, the Councilwoman worked to secure a \$140,000 New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation grant for the design and construction of a multi-use path along the historic roadway that runs through the preserve.



“I am happy to finally announce that the David Overton Trail is complete,” said Councilwoman Connie Kepert. “As one of my last acts on the town council I am now happy to open a bike trail which runs through this beautiful preserve. I will continue to work with our Suffolk County

Legislators to create additional hiking and biking opportunities in this area so that the public can protect and enjoy this area. Thank you to the Town's Parks Department for their hard work in creating this path.”

Editor's Note: This was one of Councilwoman's final official acts as District 4 Councilwoman for the Town of Brookhaven. Michael Loguercio won the election in November and is now the new council representative for District 4.

Brookhaven Town 30th Annual Women's Recognition Awards

Town seeks Outstanding Women Nominations! January 22 deadline to submit nominations...[more info](#)



2016 Recycling Schedule



Click here for the [2016 TOB Recycling Schedule](#)

LONGWOOD SCHOOLS

High School Students Named Suffolk Zone Winners



Longwood High School students **Amanda Ress Liere** and **Sean Raush** have been selected as outstanding seniors by the Suffolk Zone of the New York State Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (NYSAPERD). The award is presented annually to those who demonstrate a high level of physical education achievement, display leadership qualities in school and community activities and maintain a high level of academic excellence. The Suffolk Zone of the NYSAPERD honors one young man and one young

woman from the graduating class of every district in Suffolk County each year. The students received their medal and certificate at the awards dinner in December at the Hyatt Regency Wind Watch in Hauppauge.

Bus Safety during inclement weather – an important student safety message from Superintendent of Schools Dr. Michael Lonergan...[read message](#)

EDUCATION

“Education is not the learning of facts, but the training of the mind to think.” - Albert Einstein

INSIDE ESSA / The New Federal K-12 Law

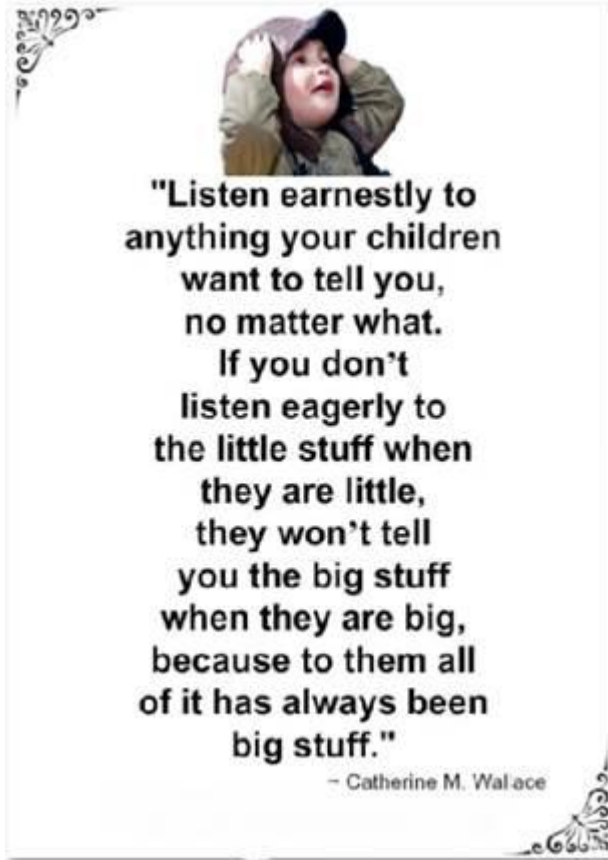
With the year-end passage and signing of the **Every Student Succeeds Act**, Congress has redefined the federal role in elementary and secondary education. And it’s done so in a way that aims to enhance the authority of states and school districts that had long chafed at the strictures of ESSA’s predecessor, the No Child Left Behind Act. Learn what ESSA actually states, implementation design, and the effects on teaching, curriculum, testing, accountability and special populations through a series of 14 specialized EDUCATION WEEK articles...[access info](#)

RANDOM STUFF

Stony Brook: Homage to a visionary NEWSDAY; Jan 4, 2016

Ward Melville, a shoe and drugstore magnate who died in 1977 at age 90, is widely credited with transforming Stony Brook from an aging fishing community into an upscale suburb...[read article](#)

A little dab of wisdom..



ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

whbpac
the westhampton beach performing arts center

CELEBRATING ARTS BUILDING COMMUNITY

76 Main Street • Westhampton Beach, NY 11978 • Box Office: 631-288-1500

See Holly Miranda, Larry Campbell & Teresa Williams, Elayne Boosler, Tracy Morgan: **PICKING UP THE PIECES TOUR**...for more information see [WHBPAC Upcoming Events](#)

Have a budding performer at home? Find out more about the [WHBPAC Arts Academy!](#)

Don Quixote Ballet Program, School Vacation Camp: Tween Theatre Troupe

In rehearsals! Teen Musical Theatre Project: **Disney's Beauty and the Beast Jr.** Shows: Feb 26 & 27!

THE PATCHOGUE THEATRE

71 E. Main St. Patchogue, NY 11772 • (631) 207-1313

See Harry Chapin Folk Festival, Seussical, Jr. and Dancing In The Streets.

For more info, click on Patchogue Theatre [Upcoming Events!](#)

NYCB THE THEATRE AT WESTBURY

960 Brush Hollow Road • Westbury, NY 11590

See Todd Rundgren, Foreigner, Beach Boys, Masters of Illusion, Jack Hanna's Into the Wild Live!
...for more info on the [Performance Calendar and Tickets](#)

THE PARAMOUNT

370 New York Avenue • Huntington, NY 11743 • 631-673-7300

See Friday Night Fever, The Supernaturalists w/Criss Angel, Donny Osmond and Mariana's Trench.
Access Full Paramount Concert/Show [Schedule](#)

THE SUFFOLK THEATER

118 E. Main Street • Riverhead, NY 11901 • 631-727-4343

See Broadway Salutes Motown, Darlene Love, Tony & Tina's Wedding (saw this in Vegas; very funny)
... see [Event Schedule](#)



Upcoming Events!!

Thursday, January 7th



*The Town of Brookhaven's Inaugural Committee requests the honor of
your presence to witness the swearing in of*

*Supervisor Edward P. Romaine
Highway Superintendent Daniel P. Losquadro
Receiver of Taxes Louis J. Marcoccia
Councilwoman Valerie M. Cartright – District 1
Councilwoman Jane Bonner – District 2
Councilman Kevin J. LaValle – District 3
Councilman Michael A. Loquercio Jr. – District 4
Councilman Neil J. Foley – District 5
Councilman Daniel J. Panico – District 6*

*On Thursday, January 7, 2016
4:00 PM*

*Brookhaven Town Hall
1 Independence Hill
Farmingville, NY 11738
Auditorium: Second Floor*

*Please RSVP your attendance
by calling 451-9100 or by email at RSVP@BROOKHAVEN.ORG*

Light refreshments will be served



Brookhaven Memorial Hospital

Class held @ Swezey Pavilion
103 West Main Street, Patchogue

Call to register: 654-7168

ALL CLASSES ARE AT 6:00 PM

CLASS 1- 1/25 PROGRAM OVERVIEW
CLASS 2- 2/1 TOBACCO ADDITIVES
CLASS 3- 2/8 PAM LAFFIN VIDEO
CLASS 4- 2/22 MAKING A QUIT PLAN
CLASS 5- 2/29 CREATING SUPPORT SYSTEMS
CLASS 6- 3/7 RELAPSE PREVENTION
CLASS 7- 3/28 REUNION CLASS

SUFFOLK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

"LEARN TO BE...TOBACCO FREE" PROGRAM

FREE SMOKING CESSATION CLASSES TO BE HELD AT

JANIS HURLEY, PUBLIC HEALTH EDUCATOR: 853-3187 WWW.SUFFOLKCOUNTYNY.GOV/HEALTH

SMOKING CESSATION MEDICATIONS PROVIDED FOR A NOMINAL FEE

Additional classes and times:

- [Peconic Bay Medical Center](#) (Riverhead) • [Good Samaritan Hospital](#) (Bay Shore)

Comments, Questions, Observations? Editor: Christopher D. Reilly CDReilly@CoramCivic.org

Please visit the [Coram Civic Association](#) online for more information on your community!
Want to report an unkempt vacant house or building to the Town of Brookhaven? [REPORT](#)



"Single Stream Recycling" is now in effect! Click on Curby for details!

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