



Happy
St. Patrick's
Day!!!



CORAM CIVIC ASSOCIATION MONTHLY MEETING
Monday, March 28th at 7:30 PM

Special guest speakers...

Dr. Michael Lonergan, Superintendent, Longwood Central School District

Dr. Lonergan will be discussing the 2016-2017 Longwood School Budget that is being presented for public vote on Tuesday, May 17th. (School Board elections for two seats will be held also on May 17th).

&

Suzanne Johnson, Director, Longwood Public Library

Ms. Johnson will be discussing the 2016-2017 Library Budget that will be presented for public vote on Tuesday, April 5th. (The Board of Trustees has announced that there will be no override of the state tax cap requested this year). Read the [Annual Report to the Community](#).

Representatives of the **VFW Farmingville Post** will also be speaking.

**All meetings held at the old Coram Firehouse, 303 Middle Country Rd., Coram (next to McDonald's).*



CORAM CIVIC ASSOCIATION
Community Service Scholarship

The **Coram Civic Association** will award the **\$500 Community Service Educational Scholarship** to a high school student who is a resident of Coram (zip 11727), is completing the senior year of high school, demonstrated a record of volunteer services within the town, and has applied for acceptance in a post high school formal education program such as college or the Adult Education Programs at BOCES including CTE, Health, and Literacy. The specific criteria of and application for the Scholarship can be found at [Coram Civic Scholarship](#). The deadline for applying for the Scholarship application is **3/31**.



In the news for...

LONGWOOD CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Assemblyman Dean Murray (R,C,I- East Patchogue) introduces the students of Longwood School District's Legislative Committee to the Assembly floor

Assemblymen Dean Murray (AD3) and Anthony Palumbo (AD2) honored students from the Longwood Legislative Committee in the New York State Assembly on March 15th as they visited with our NYS representatives in Albany. View [video clip](#)

Editor's Thoughts: It was an honor and a privilege to, once again, accompany the student members of the Longwood Legislative Committee on our annual trip to Albany to meet with members of the NYS Assembly and Senate. Our students prepared exceptionally well with profound questions, observations, recommendations and action items for our NYS leadership--all presented with the utmost of professionalism, maturity and respect--and our assemblymen and senators were impressed...and in many cases challenged. Great job!

Longwood Middle School Assistant Principal Named 2016 Dr. Mary Barter Scholarship Recipient

LCSO Press Release; Mar 11, 2016



Longwood Middle School Assistant Principal Tracy Adams, NYS Commissioner of Education MaryEllen Elia and Longwood Superintendent of Schools Dr. Michael R. Lonergan.

Longwood School District is proud to announce that Middle School Assistant Principal **Tracy Adams** has been selected as the recipient of the **2016 Dr. Mary Barter Scholarship for Women and Minorities** from The New York State Council of School Superintendents. Nominated by Longwood Superintendent **Dr. Michael R. Lonergan**, the single scholarship is awarded annually to promote and inspire women and/or minorities interested in the field of leadership. The scholarship is awarded to a nominated woman and/or minority enrolled in a graduate study program through which the School District Administrator or Doctoral Degree may be awarded.

...read full [press release](#)

Editor's Note: Having served alongside Tracy Adams on Longwood Board of Education sub-committees over the years, I couldn't think of a more dedicated and deserving educator to be so honored.

Longwood Senior Matthew Weiss Receives Character and Sportsmanship Award

LCSD Press Release; Mar 10, 2016



Football Coach Jeff Cipp, Burlsworth Character Award Recipient Matthew Weiss and Longwood High School NCAA Liaison/School Counselor Kristin Garrett.

Longwood High School senior **Matthew Weiss** is the recipient of the **Burlsworth Character Award** in recognition of his outstanding character and sportsmanship. Presented by Lions football coach **Jeff Cipp**, the award recognizes a student who demonstrates leadership, diligence to school and good moral character.

"Matt is not just a great football player; his character, personality and humility also make him a great person both on and off of the field," said Coach Cipp.

...read full [press release](#)

Longwood schools are **closed** March 24th – 28th

Read the winter edition of [Longwood Life!](#)

LONGWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY

Welcome home!

Your library has returned to its transformed building at
800 Middle Country Road in Middle Island.

...borrow free digital videos, digital magazines, free museum passes, search local history, join the winter reading program, and so much more! All you need is a library card! Need one? [Get one here!](#)

- Read the [Annual Report to the Community](#)
- Learn about the **new children's programs** from librarian Tiffany Russo-Malone...[Children's Programs](#)

Read the Longwood Public Library current [Newsletter](#).

NEW YORK STATE

Cuomo will back Falcone for LIPA CEO NEWSDAY; Mar 15, 2016

Falcone, who joined the Long Island Power Authority in January 2014 from the financial industry, currently serves as chief financial officer and chief of staff...[read article](#)

PSEG to take over financing of solar NEWSDAY; Mar 14, 2016

PSEG would be able to earn a small loan origination and processing fee, over and above its contractual fee with LIPA...[read article](#)

Editor's Thoughts: Who winds up paying for the collection fees and bad debt write-offs? Just sayin'.

LI's health hailed in state studies NEWSDAY; Mar 16, 2016

Suffolk was ninth in health outcomes and fifth in health factors statewide. Last year, Suffolk was 15th in health outcomes and eighth in health factors...[read article](#)

Related editorial **Health rankings mask problems** included.

LONG ISLAND

LI School Taxes: Hike kept under 1% NEWSDAY; Mar 15, 2016

The projected figure represents the tightest controls on school taxation since New York State's property-tax cap took effect in the 2012-13 academic year, reflecting both the strict cap limitations and low inflation. The net effect is that districts find themselves more dependent on state aid than ever before...[read article](#)

\$51.4M missile contract NEWSDAY; Mar 16, 2016

Lockheed Martin Corp.'s unit at Mitchel Field has won the lion's share of a \$93.4 million contract for upgraded navigation systems on submarine-based Trident II D5 ballistic missiles for the U.S. and U.K. navies, the company confirmed...[read article](#)

First Data to leave Long Island NEWSDAY; Mar 16, 2016

In 2003, First Data received Suffolk County Industrial Development Authority property tax breaks totaling \$3.283 million over a 10-year period to help with the construction of its Melville facility...[read article](#)

Ailing Dowling College say it's found a partner NEWSDAY; Mar 16, 2016

"Recognizing the need to take positive, affirmative action to protect its future, Dowling College has executed a letter of intent and entered into a due diligence period with an academic affiliation partner," said the statement, released yesterday...[read article](#)

SUFFOLK COUNTY

Tentative deal averts lag payroll NEWSDAY; Mar 12, 2016

Under the agreement, the county will suspend its \$12 million contribution to the union's benefit fund this year, and next year will begin repaying \$1 million annually until 2028. The county also has agreed to guarantee that benefit fund reserves, which total \$24 million, will not go below \$12 million. The county, which is struggling with budget deficits, originally had planned to initiate the lag during the first pay period in April...[read article](#)

Editor's Thoughts: Is there interest tied to the deferred \$12M? Is that guarantee tied to the original \$12M or is it a separate item that may expose the county to potential annual uncapped indebtedness beyond the \$12M?

Bellone wants \$32M back NEWSDAY; Mar 16, 2016

Suffolk County Executive Steve Bellone made the pitch to Albany lawmakers yesterday to send back \$32.5 million of the \$1.5 billion in revenues from the unpopular MTA payroll tax to the county to help avoid cuts to local bus service...[read article](#)

Jolt for homes sales NEWSDAY; Mar 12, 2016

In Suffolk County, the number of closed home sales spiked by 24.4 percent year-over-year...[read article](#)

Walsh trial to open today NEWSDAY; Mar 16, 2016

What to watch for in case against a LI political power...[read article](#)

TOWN OF BROOKHAVEN

Supervisor Romaine: State of the Town Address, “A Blueprint for the Future”



Declaring that the “state of the town is good and getting better,” Supervisor Romaine opened his address by saying that finances have been strengthened and the bond rating has improved. He noted that the Town is rebuilding reserves, not depleting them, and announced that Brookhaven Town is one of the few municipalities that plan for a balanced budget and has paid off all of its New York State Retirement Contribution amortization debt. He also stated that he will continue to

comply with the state tax levy caps, a standard that he wished “other taxing jurisdictions” would follow to help reduce the cost of living on Long Island. ...[read press release](#)

FREE Interactive Distracted Driving Course

On April 13th, instructors will discuss the dangers of driving impaired and distracted, while also demonstrating with state of the art equipment what the negative impacts are. For more information, click on [Distracted Driving Course](#).

Special Event Calendar: E-Waste & Paper Shredding...[see calendar](#)

6-Week Smoking Cessation Program...[learn more](#)

Prom boutique to aid needy teenagers NEWSDAY; Feb 9, 2016

The Town of Brookhaven plans to open its prom boutique on March 7 to help teens of limited financial means get a dress and attend their school proms...[read article](#)

Town announces Pre-Season Resident Parking Sale

The 2016 Seasonal Parking Sticker is \$15. If purchased by 5/23, sale price is \$10. Resident seniors, handicapped and veteran’s stickers cost \$5 throughout the season...[location info](#)

EDUCATION

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

Seasoned Educator Takes the Dread Out of Evaluations for Teachers

EDUCATION WEEK; FEB 24, 2016

In all that has been written about teacher evaluation, there has been one glaring omission: For teachers, it is frightening. It’s intimidating to adjust to new performance expectations, anxiety-inducing when a job rating is attached to students’ test scores, and downright terrifying when less-than-rosy results come back. All of that makes Renee Pryor’s job one of the most challenging in Tennessee’s Lincoln County school district. Pryor is in reality responsible for making sure that evaluations of the district’s 250 teachers trigger useful feedback and targeted support—rather than leaving them frustrated and bewildered...[read story](#)



Suffolk judicial selection process needs fixing NEWSDAY OPINION; Mar 15, 2016

“Forty-nine other states have looked at New York State and have chosen something different for a reason,” said James Sample, a Hofstra University law professor specializing in judicial selection...[read opinion](#)

College luxury that is built on debt NEWSDAY OPINION; Mar 14, 2016

Guess who ends up paying for the latest trend in off-campus apartments. The students choosing these luxury options are almost certainly financing that lifestyle with money lent, at below-market rates, by you the taxpayer...[read opinion](#)

RANDOM STUFF

Screening job applicants on social sites NEWSDAY BUSINESS; Mar 14, 2016

48% of hiring managers who research applicants via social media found information that caused them not to hire a candidate...[read article](#)

Hospital uses ‘happiness’ to heal NEWSDAY; Mar 15, 2016

The project was launched about a year ago after volunteer Quentin Palone, then a freshman at Chaminade High School, asked if he could increase involvement beyond roles that included playing games and transporting patients as part of the Glen Cove Hospital recreational therapy team. It begins by asking the patients “What makes you happy?”...[read article](#)

Itty-bitty cities NEWSDAY; Mar 16, 2016

Pint-size villages for pint-size visitors help the youngest kids develop a sense of community...[read story](#)



North Shore Community Band at Longwood

North Shore Community Band at Longwood
presents...
Friday, March 18th
7:30pm
Longwood High School
100 Longwood Road
Middle Island, NY 11953

FREE ADMISSION

March out of Winter
Concert

For more information, click on [North Shore Community Band](#).

Nikon at Jones Beach Theater

Starting in June...Dave Matthews Band, Sting and Peter Gabriel, Janet Jackson, Journey with The Doobie Brothers, Yanni, Darius Ricker, Jimmy Buffet, Rascal Flatts...

...[full schedule and tickets](#)



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

See The Ann Wilson Thing, Graham Parker Duo, Jim Breuer, Joshua Radin Solo Acoustic, Elayne Boosler, Ottman Liebert & Luna Negra, Tracy Morgan: *Picking Up The Pieces* Tour

...for more information see [WHBPAC Upcoming Events](#)

NYCB THE THEATRE AT WESTBURY

960 Brush Hollow Road • Westbury, NY 11590

See Patti LaBelle, Sinbad, Kansas, Martin Short, Kool & the Gang, Peter Cetera, Johnny Mathis, Jackson Browne, Don Rickles & Regis Philbin...more info on the [Performance Calendar and Tickets](#)

THE PARAMOUNT

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

See Marshall Tucker Band, Big Bad Voodoo Daddy, Carly Rae Jepsen, Belinda Carlisle, Ace Frehley, Pat Benatar & Neil Giraldo...access Full Paramount Concert/Show [Schedule](#)

THE SUFFOLK THEATER

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

See Jefferson Starship, Songs In The Attic, David Cassidy, The Lovin' Spoonful, Chubby Checker, ... see [Event Schedule](#)

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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 & Middle Country Rds.)

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



Upcoming Events!!

Tuesday, March 15th

Open Invitation to the **2016 STATE OF THE TOWN ADDRESS**

Supervisor Edward P. Romaine will be presenting his "A Blueprint For The Future" address on Tuesday, March 15th at 4:00 PM at the Brookhaven Town Hall Auditorium located at 1 Independence Hill in Farmingville. Please RSVP by calling 451-9000 or email at RSVO@Brookhaven.ORG.

Monday, March 28th



**March General Meeting of your Coram Civic
Monday, March 28th at 7:30 PM**

Wednesday, April 6th



DRESS FOR SUCCESS[®]
BROOKHAVEN **Fundraiser!**

Paint Night

*Paint along with painters of Wine & Design Syosset as
you create your own masterpiece!*

Wednesday, April 6, 2016

6:30pm –9:00pm

Location: Coram Fire Department
303 Middle Country Rd. Coram, NY (Across from Home Depot)

For more information, click on [Paint Night](#)

Saturday, April 9th

Town of Brookhaven Highway Department

Bicycle Rodeo

Saturday, April 9

*Rain Date: Sunday, April 10

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Brookhaven's Safety Town

Holtsville Ecology Site

249 Buckley Road, Holtsville

• SAFETY INSPECTION

• SKILLS COURSE

• NON-COMPETITIVE FUN FOR
CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

• BRING YOUR
OWN BICYCLE

• FREE CHILDREN'S HELMET AND FITTING FOR QUALIFYING RESIDENTS

(while supplies last)

For more info, [Bicycle Rodeo](#)

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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