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## **CORAM CIVIC ASSOCIATION COMMUNITY UPDATE...**

Monday, June 27<sup>th</sup>

### Coram Civic Association Monthly Meeting



*Special Guest Speaker...*

*John M. Kennedy, Jr.*

Suffolk County Comptroller

...also, an **update** from civic president Erma Gluck on the June 15<sup>th</sup> meeting on the **Coram Plaza** shopping center attended by SC Legislators Sarah Anker and Rob Calarco, TOB Councilman Michael Loguercio, SCPD 6th Pct., NYS-DOT, Home Depot management, representatives from SC-Dept. of Social Services, Hope House, LI Coalition for the Homeless, New Beginnings Church, and the governor's office.

Join us at 7:30 pm at the Old Coram Firehouse, 303 Middle Country Road, Coram...next to McDonald's.

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**Today is the day!**

### Town of Brookhaven **Job Fair**



*From the desk of Councilwoman Valerie M. Cartright...*

The **Town of Brookhaven Job Fair** is taking place this **Thursday June 23, 2016** from **5:30pm-8:00pm** at **Town Hall**. Job Seekers: Bring Your Resume and Be Ready to Talk to Prospective Employers! 2016 Graduates Welcome!

For more information...[read](#)



*In the news for...*

### LONGWOOD CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

**REMINDER:** Thursday, June 23rd - **Last Day of School** Half-Day K-8

# LW Middle School Hosts Summer Food Service Program



1-800-522-5006

Kids get **free** summer meals

**Middle Island, NY, June 10, 2016** – The Longwood School District announces its participation in the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP). Meals will be provided to all children 18 years and under without charge. Acceptance and participation requirements for the program and all activities are the same for all regardless of race, color, national origin, age, disability, sex, gender identity, religion,

reprisal, and where applicable, political beliefs, marital status, familial or parental status, sexual orientation, or all or part of an individual's income is derived from any public assistance program,

or protected genetic information in employment or in any program or activity conducted or funded by the Department (not all prohibited bases will apply to all programs and/or employment activities).

**Date:** Monday thru Friday, July 11, 2016 - August 19, 2016

Rain or Shine

**Time:** Breakfast - 9:00 am - 9:30 am

Lunch - 1:00 pm - 1:30 pm

**Location:** Longwood Middle School Cafeteria

41 Yaphank Middle Island Road

Middle Island, NY 11953

If you would like to receive further information about the Summer Food Service Program, contact the Longwood School District Child Nutrition Department at (631) 345-2805.

## LONGWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY

800 Middle Country Road • Middle Island • 631-924-6400

### Summer Fun for Teens Grades 7-12

*"Summer Sun Catchers"* Wed. Jul 6 2-3:30 PM...[more info](#)

*"Mosaic Mirror"* Wed. Jul 13 7-8 PM...[more info](#)

For more Summer Fun events for adults, teens and kids...[Longwood Library](#)

## NEW YORK STATE

### Corrupt pols to lose pensions NEWSDAY; Jun 19, 2016

Lawmakers take first step to bar convicted officials from retiree benefits in future...[read article](#)

*Editor's Thoughts: Understand folks that this now must be passed as a constitutional amendment by our NYS legislators during the NEXT session (2017). If it somehow makes it through that ordeal, it then must be put up as a referendum for the voters of NYS to vote on. So if all goes smoothly (odds anyone?), we may see this referendum in November 2017 and assuming it passes, enactment sometime in 2018. That should be enough time for our current politicos to protect themselves...or further eviscerate this bill.*

## LONG ISLAND

### High cost of power NEWSDAY; Jun 20, 2016

Its bills, LIPA notes, have come down in the past two years as natural gas has fallen. LIPA rates still among costliest of large utilities in region, despite declining electric bills. LIPA chief executive Tom Falcone noted

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that New Jersey utilities don't face the taxes that LIPA and other New York utilities do. "If you could pick up Long Island and move it to Newark, our bills would decline," he said. ...[read article](#)

Includes associated article **PSEG delays long-awaited energy plan**

*Editor's Thoughts: Here are some Fun Facts from a 10,000 kWh per year ratepayer!*

	Per Kilowatt Hour		
	LIPA Delivery Charge	LIPA Power Charge	LIPA Total Cost
2013	10.4¢	8.7¢	21.3¢
2014	10.6¢	8.9¢	21.3¢
2015	10.8¢	7.9¢	20.2¢
2016 (6mos)	10.5¢	6.5¢	18.7¢

While Mr. Falcone wants to boast that LIPA rates have actually come down over the past couple of years, he fails to mention that the only rate showing a decline from 2013 is the Power Charge which has nothing to do with LIPA's operating skills and everything to do with world market pricing for oil and natural gas. And let's not forget the Revenue Decoupling Adjustment that LIPA added to our bills this year to make up for the drop in their budgeted revenue resulting mainly from home solar installations. That alone added 1.25% to my April/May bill.

**Grid, NextERA propose solar farm at Shoreham nuke plant site** NEWSDAY; Jun 22, 2016

National Grid and NextEra are proposing to build the largest solar energy array in the state on 350 acres of wooded property beside the shuttered Shoreham nuclear plant in a move that could stoke the green-for-green debate. "We are adamantly opposed to this project, and we will not allow any trees to be cut," said Ed Romaine, supervisor for the Town of Brookhaven, where the project would be located. "This is not the place for solar. It's the wrong place for the wrong project for the wrong reasons." ...[read article](#)  
*Editor's Thoughts: I believe in solar. I'm for solar. I'm just not "all" for solar. Seems to make sense for home installations...although LIPA is now charging us for the budgeted revenue that they are not realizing due primarily to the lost energy sales to home solar customers. So now the LIPA ratepayers as a whole are paying LIPA for the savings that home solar users are enjoying. As to these "solar farms" or "solar plants," all I read about is the negative effects on the environment. While that is true in most cases, what about the negative affect on our bills? Solar and wind are being contracted by LIPA at between 16¢ and 23¢ per kilowatt hour; usually on 20-yr. contracts. That becomes the Power Charge on our bills. For 2016 YTD, our Power Charge for traditional gas/oil generated electricity averages 6.5¢ per kilowatt hour. The cost of solar and wind from these farms/plants therefore will raise our Power Charge between 146% and 254% for each renewable kWh used.*

**8% decline in ticket revenue** NEWSDAY; Jun 22, 2016

Rear-end collisions fell 39 percent while head-on crashes fell 79 percent, the report found. Accidents at red-light-camera intersections are down 21 percent overall...[read article](#)

**Water tests find lead at schools** NEWSDAY; Jun 19, 2016

Tests find elevated levels in water in 21 public school districts...[read special report](#)  
*Editor's Thoughts: Please note that our Longwood Central School District is NOT on that list. Special thanks to Steve Harding, Longwood's Director of Plant Facilities and his staff for their fine ongoing efforts in maintaining our school buildings and grounds.*

**SUFFOLK COUNTY**

**Plastic bag fee sought** NEWSDAY; Jun 17, 2016

The sponsor of a proposed plastic bag ban in Suffolk withdrew that idea yesterday and instead introduced a bill to impose a five-cent fee on plastic and paper bags given away at store checkouts...[read article](#)  
*Editor's Thoughts: Yeah right. That's what we need...another surcharge. So the plastic bag makers and the store owners put pressure on the SC legislators to withdraw the ban and the knee-jerk response is to now*

shovel the burden onto the backs of the consumers with another fee. Pretty soon Montauk Point is going to lift right out of the water due to the number of families streaming towards the bridges and tunnels as they pack up and leave Long Island.

## Agency lowers credit rating for Suffolk NEWSDAY; Jun 19, 2016

Wall Street's Fitch Ratings has downgraded Suffolk County from an "A" to an "A-" rating for next week's \$49.15 million bond sale. However, Standard and Poor's maintained Suffolk's "A" rating with a negative outlook...[read article](#)

## TOWN OF BROOKHAVEN

### Neighbors: Landfill air quality needs testing NEWSDAY; Jun 20, 2016

Residents of Brookhaven hamlet and school employees have blamed the 192-acre landfill on Horseblock Road for sickening odors...[read article](#)



Council Dist 2

From the desks of...

Councilwoman Jane Bonner &  
Councilman Mike Loguercio



Council Dist 4

### July 13<sup>th</sup> - Drug and Alcohol Abuse Education, Prevention and Awareness Program

"Would you notice?" Program for parents and guardians; please register...[more info](#)

### Starting July 26<sup>th</sup> - 6-week Smoking Cessation classes...[more info](#)

### Help Prevent Drowning - A Message about Pool Safety...[more info](#)

### Summer 2016 TOB Parks & Recreation Guide - [...see guide](#)

### Summer Recreation Camp - Ages 5-12 • July 11 - Aug 12 • Deadline Jun 17...[more info](#)

## EDUCATION

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

### Tuckahoe fails revote NEWSDAY; Jun 22, 2016

Under law, districts failing to get 60 percent voter support in two tries face tax freezes the following school year...[read article](#)

*"Now the district must live with a tax freeze for the year. That means average homeowners will avoid an \$81 tax hike. It also means they will get a \$130 state rebate check from the property tax reimbursement program they would not have received had the district pierced that cap."*

NEWSDAY "THE POINT" - Lane Filler Jun 22, 2016

### Regents ease bypassing of evaluation rule NEWSDAY; Jun 17, 2016

The state Board of Regents has taken "emergency action" to allow school districts to waive a legal requirement that teachers and principals be evaluated by independent observers, if the rule poses a "hardship" to the districts...[read article](#)

### The 'Maker' Movement Is Coming to K-12: Can Schools Get It Right?

EDUCATION WEEK; Jun 6, 2016

For fans of hands-on, student-driven learning, the migration of maker education into the highly regulated world of K-12 education is a step in the right direction. But how well will it work?...[read story](#)



## POINTS TO PONDER

### **Make this gun very hard to buy** NEWSDAY EDITORIAL; Jun 19, 2016

This isn't the first time our nation's streets have been wracked by deadly violence. When liberties such as the right to bear arms and the right to not be slaughtered conflict, a balance must be found...

...[read editorial](#)

**More Letters and Editorials on Gun Control...**[read](#)

### **Hits, misses by lawmakers** NEWSDAY EDITORIAL; Jun 21, 2016

A bill to strip public pensions from officials convicted of corruption was approved, and that's worth applauding — while recognizing this is step one in a process that must be kept on track. The legislation, a constitutional amendment that also must be passed by the next legislature and then approved by voters in a referendum...[read editorial](#)

### **Land bank paying dividends for Suffolk** NEWSDAY EDITORIAL; Jun 20, 2016

Delinquent property owners are taking notice. Faced with the threat of having their parcels seized by the land bank, more than 40 such owners got the message and paid their bills in full—nearly \$5 million in back taxes...[read editorial](#)

### **Poor judgment on promotions** NEWSDAY COLUMNIST; Jun 19, 2016

“Sini said he’s seeking reforms to tighten up testing procedures. Still, the decision to promote Memay reflects poorly on Sini’s initial judgment just as the decision to promote and defend Burke reflects badly on Bellone’s.”...[read column](#)

## RANDOM STUFF

### **NASA craft closes in on Jupiter** NEWSDAY; Jun 17, 2016

A NASA spacecraft is bound for a Fourth of July encounter with Jupiter in the latest quest to study how the largest planet in the solar system formed and evolved...[read article](#)

### **How the woods love us back** NEWSDAY OPINION; Jun 19, 2016

Want to reduce stress or boost your immune system? Try ‘forest bathing.’...[read opinion](#)



## ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## Nikon at Jones Beach Theater

Sting and Peter Gabriel, Journey with The Doobie Brothers, Def Leppard, Yanni, Gwen Stefani, Josh Groban, Darius Rucker, Heart with Joan Jett, Counting Crows & Rob Thomas, Brad Paisley, Goo Goo Dolls, Black Sabbath, Jimmy Buffet, Rascal Flatts, ZZ Top...[full schedule and tickets](#)






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

See Ziggy Marley (SOLD OUT), The Pitchforks, Mario Cantone, Melissa Etheridge, Alan Cumming, The Fab Faux, Dianne Reeves, Paul Anka, Sarah McLachlan, Gladys Knight, Peter Cetera  
...more info at [WHBPAC Upcoming Events](#)

Friday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>



**Special Event!**  
Support the WHBPAC...It's a Sure Bet! Play with Professional Croupiers  
Blackjack • Poker • Roulette • Craps • Slot Machines  
"Dinner in Bites" by...  
Stone Creek Inn • Sushi 1 • Braun Seafood Raw Bar  
Top Shelf Open Bar

WHBPAC Casino Night...[more info](#)



**MAIN STAGE**

**SHREK** NOW-6/25 **THE EMPEROR'S NEW CLOTHES** 7/8-30  
**THE MISADVENTURES OF ROBIN HOOD** 8/5-13

**CHILDREN'S THEATER**

**CINDERELLA** NOW THRU 6/11

## NYCB THE THEATRE AT WESTBURY

960 Brush Hollow Road • Westbury, NY 11590

See The Temptations & the Four Tops, Beauty and the Beast, Dion, Alice in Wonderland, Peter Pan, Neil Sedaka, Bonnie Raitt, The Wizard of Oz, Air Supply, Culture Club, Celtic Thunder, Charlie Daniels Band... [Performance Calendar and Tickets](#)

## THE SUFFOLK THEATER

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

See Tribal Games 3, Country Night!, Ultimate Elvis, Sinatra-Swing Into Summer, Mickey Dolenz, Jay & The Americans, Tony & Tina's Wedding, The Drifters, David Cassidy, The Lords of 52<sup>nd</sup> Street, Blue Oyster Cult... see [Event Schedule](#)

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## Join or Renew Your Coram Civic Membership Now!



### 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!](#)

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## Upcoming Events!!

Beginning August 2<sup>nd</sup>



Leg. Sarah Anker

## Downtown Rocky Point Summer Concert Series

FREE  
ADMISSION

Presented by

**Legislator Sarah S. Anker**  
& the Rocky Point VFW Post 6249

August 2nd 7:00pm



August 9th 7:00pm



August 16th 7:00pm



August 23rd 7:00pm



**St. Anthony of Padua R.C. Church in Rocky Point** Rain Date August 30th  
**Sponsored by Suffolk County**

Please Refrain From Use of Alcohol or Tobacco on Church Grounds - Thank You!

Suffolk County Legislator Sarah Anker is happy to announce the schedule for the **2016 Downtown Rocky Point Summer Concert Series**, hosted in conjunction with VFW Post 6249. Four concerts will be held at **St. Anthony's of Padua Parish** in downtown Rocky Point (614 Rt.25A, Rocky Point). The concerts will be held during August on Tuesday's beginning at 7:00 pm, and will help to support local businesses. Admission is free and attendees are encouraged to bring lawn chairs or blankets.

**July 1<sup>st</sup> – July 31<sup>st</sup>**

## **BROOKHAVEN NATIONAL LAB – *SUMMER SUNDAYS!***

### **Sunday, July 10 - Family Fun Day**

A fabulous day of hands-on family fun with the Science Learning Center and Environmental Extravaganza, both ready for you to explore.

### **Sunday, July 17 - Exploring the Ultra Small**

Tour the [Center for Functional Nanomaterials](#), where Brookhaven scientists study structures as tiny as a billionth of a meter.

### **Sunday, July 24 - Brilliant Light, Dazzling Discoveries**

Visit the [National Synchrotron Light Source II](#), where scientists use intense beams of light to see the inner structure of batteries, proteins, space dust, and more.

### **Sunday, July 31 - Atom-Smashing Fun\***

Explore the [Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider](#), where particles are smashed together at near-light-speed to reveal the secrets of our universe.

\* Facility tour appropriate for ages 10 and over.

**For more details, go to [Summer Sundays at BNL!](#)**



**Sunday, June 26<sup>th</sup>**



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Want to report an unkempt vacant house or building to the Town of Brookhaven? [REPORT](#)



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