

## THE CORAM CIVIC ASSOCIATION

### General Membership Meeting

June 24, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 7:50 PM by President Erma Gluck, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silent prayer for our troops. Board members present: Paul Ziems, Carol Bedell, Kathrine Soscia, Jean Hartling, and Erma Gluck.

#### OFFICER REPORTS:

**President:** Erma Gluck announced:

1. Brookhaven Town summer music series

- The Summer Concerts at Heritage Park beginning July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6:00 to 8:30 PM.
- The Rocky Point Summer Concerts Series at St. Anthony RC church beginning July 8<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM
- The Safe Summer Music Program at Cedar Beach beginning July 10<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 to 10:30.

2. The Civic Association 50/50 helps support many of our activities. Members are encouraged to participate. Donations of food pantry items are also needed.

3. Erma Gluck displayed the Smart Growth Award (in the category of Housing Choices) and certificates presented to the Civic at the June 13<sup>th</sup> awards luncheon.

**Treasurer & BNL Delegate:** Paul Ziems reported a treasury balance of \$2,472.46 as of the end of May. He reminded members that the Brookhaven Lab 'Summer Sundays' begin in July. A new, specialized lab building is under construction.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**Davis House Committee** – Maryanne Douglas reported that the next step in the restoration process requires an architect to determine structural needs for the inside of the house. This is costly and will require some grant writing. Federal approval is pending on the 501(C)(3) application; once approved, grants can be sought. A yard sale fundraiser is planned for Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Police Liaison:** Sergeant Cindy Olsen of the 6<sup>th</sup> Precinct reviewed several phone and computer scams currently affecting residents. She stressed that personal information should not be given to unknown persons. The IRS does not ask for information by phone. Phone calls announcing that something is "free" or that the resident is "a winner" are most likely scams. Contact the police if something sounds suspicious. Sergeant Olsen noted that crime statistics for the district are down.

**Other:** Van Johnson of the **Coram Fire Department**, shared construction plans that they are proposing to Brookhaven Town. These plans include a picnic area, a building containing kitchen and bathrooms and an open pavilion to be added to the existing main fire house in Coram. Van Johnson also mentioned that the Old Coram Schoolhouse (now located on the fire department grounds along Coram-Mt. Sinai Road) needs better flooring before its intended use as a fire safety house showroom for elementary school children.

**GUEST SPEAKERS:**

**Assemblyman Anthony Palumbo** shared updates from the recently completed session.

**Common Core:** There will be no testing of children in grades k, 1 and 2.

**Law enforcement:** A proposal to increase penalties for DWI hit and run to a maximum of 25 years for wrongful death was sent to the floor of the Assembly. It will hopefully become law next year.

**Medical Marijuana:** Laws will make smoking and person to person distribution a felony. There will be no public consumption of any kind. Only physicians may prescribe the non-smoking form for up to a 30-day supply. A question and answer period followed and included concerns with sex offender registration and high placement in Coram area; PSEG and high electric rates; purpose of the double Star Tax Exemption; dangerous traffic issues at the corner of Middle Country Road (State Road 25) and Coram Mt Sinai Road.

**Judith Clark, RN from the Elsie Owens Health Care Center** gave an overview of the services provided. The center is not-for profit and provides comprehensive, affordable medical and dental care on a sliding fee scale to adults, teens and children. It cooperates with other county agencies (RSVP, prenatal and diabetes care) to provide additional services. Ms. Clark distributed a leaflet listing specific care provided.

**50/50 DRAWING:**

The 50/50 winner was Barbara Rottino who took home \$22.00.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:**

Kathrine Soscia made the motion to adjourn. Motion seconded by Jean Hartling. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:40.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jean Hartling  
Recording Secretary