

THE CORAM CIVIC ASSOCIATION
General Membership Meeting
and
Suffolk County Police 6th Precinct Community Meeting
July 25, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 PM by President Erma Gluck, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for our troops and victims of terrorism around the world. Board members present: Erma Gluck, Paul Ziems, Chris Reilly, Robert Gluck, Kathrine Soscia, Martin Bailey and Jean Hartling.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: **Erma Gluck** announced that Complaint Forms for the Fraud Hotline provided by Suffolk County Comptroller John M. Kennedy at our June meeting are still available for anyone wanting one. She gave an update of progress made on the issues identified at the June 15 meeting of the Coram Plaza Task Force Revitalization Committee. Certificates provided by County Legislator Sarah Anker were presented to Civic members who participated in the May 21 Great Brookhaven Cleanup.

The remainder of the meeting was devoted to staff of the 6th Precinct.

GUEST SPEAKERS:

Inspector Murphy of the 6th Precinct introduced the five officers present: Kevin Deven, Tom Hopkins, Bob Dedwin, Todd Bradshaw and Casey Heins. Inspector Dedwin gave an overview of recent crime statistics, down 9.8% over the same period last year.

Officer Bradshaw invited residents to participate in the “Coffee with a Cop” program. This program is an opportunity to meet local area police and share concerns. He outlined progress on the quality of life issues at the Home Depot plaza: the food distribution truck will be relocated to the old 6th Precinct Headquarters as of August 1; there is police presence (marked and unmarked) at the shopping center for enforcement and outreach; effort is being made with the State DOT for cleanup and maintenance of the two wooded areas; a number of arrests were made in the area between June 23 and July 12. The Affidavit of Trespass has been provided to store managers so arrests can be made based on prior incidents.

Inspector Murphy led a question and answer period with input from fellow officers. Civic members raised concerns about: panhandlers and homeless in the area, removal of squatters in vacant homes, prostitution near a local strip mall, suspected substance abuse, police force diversity and unlicensed drivers. Inspector Murphy indicated that photos of suspected incidents and license plates may be sent to headquarters by e-mail. Notification may also be made at NEXLE.com or by calling 631-852-NARC to report drug abuse or to the plainclothes unit at 631- 854-8626. Reports may be made anonymously. Police focus is now on both the drug seller and the user. Drug test kits were made available free of charge for residents to take home. Twenty-five additional police officers in the plan for the 6th Precinct. Inspector Murphy encouraged youth ages 13-18 to take part in the Police Explorer Program to learn about programs and careers in law enforcement. Information is available at SuffolkPD.org.

50/50 DRAWING:

The 50/50 was won by Steve Humphrey who took home \$28.00.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Hartling,
Recording Secretary