

# THE CORAM CIVIC ASSOCIATION

## General Membership Meeting

April 23, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 7:37 PM by President Erma Gluck, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for our troops and victims both home and abroad.

**Board members present:** Erma Gluck, Bob Gluck, Kathrine Soscia, Vana McClure and Chris Reilly.

Jean Hartling and Paul Ziems were absent with prior notice. There were approximately 40 members and guests in attendance.

### OFFICER REPORTS:

**President Erma Gluck** announced the following upcoming events:

3/19-6/15 – TOB Youth Bureau- Prom dresses needed, by apt M-F 9-3

5/5 – Victorian Tea Party by Davis House Comm. 2-4pm at Coram F.D.

5/6 – Troop 74 fundraiser at Movieland, Avengers Infinity War \$15

5/11 – Central Brookhaven Lions Club – Paint Night 7pm

5/14 – TOB Youth Bureau – Vaping 101 Facts & Myths

5/19 – Great Brookhaven Clean-UP at Coram Plaza – pls sign up

5/19 – Councilman Loguercio – Sp. Recycling Event at Longwood MS

7/13 – Civic - Country Line Dancing 7-9pm

8/13 – Summer Concert, Southbound at Pine Rd Sta. on Rte 112

### GUEST SPEAKERS:

#### **Pete Hanson, AARP Representative**

Brookhaven AARP meets at Heritage Center in Mt. Sinai at 12:30 on the 1st Monday of every month. Mr. Hanson handed out an article from Newsday about the Equifax breach. He discussed what to do to protect our assets. Contact 3 credit bureaus to freeze accounts. Can do Equifax and Experian online. Have to call Transunion. You will receive a PIN to reopen accounts. Have to protect PIN for future use. New Social Security ID# coming by mail only – not by phone. Bank account #s on checks – don't put in mailbox. Don't advertise your birthdate on social media such as Facebook. Don't use simple passwords or pins. Be cautious of investment fraud. AARP members get magazine and bulletins regarding fraud. Family members are the largest group stealing from seniors. Don't answer calls if you don't recognize the number. Area code doesn't mean anything – can be calling from anywhere in World. Invites to free seminars – some are legit – but don't give your info. Tech support calls are fraud. Dating sites and travel clubs are also phishing for info. Grandparent scams. Prize money, packages used to grab attention. Obituaries shouldn't give out too much info. Don't carry SS card or Debit cards. Shred old documents. Limit # of cards. Check credit card statement. Request free credit reports annually.

#### **Dr. Michael Lonergan, Superintendent, Longwood Central School District**

Passed out budget information booklets. The budget meets all the requirements of the tax cap. He highlighted some of the district's achievements which include maintaining a 97% high school graduation rate and 90% go onto college, partnerships with Suffolk Community College, and receipt of an AA rating for fiscal integrity. Dr. Lonergan discussed changes in the way we teach our students – teachers step back and empowering students. Implementing the districts' technology plan including revamping the Planetarium for STEAM program. Getting kids to report fellow students that exhibit concerning behavior. Trying to get more School Resource Officers into the schools. The district will be online with the police department. Dr. Lonergan invited residents to attend the next school board meeting. Civic members asked questions about security and guards, relation between violence and animal abuse, safe phones, "Leader in Me" program, Charter Schools, expanding Before & After School care, voter registration for students, and addressing various student learning styles. The budget vote and board member elections take place of Tuesday, May 15.

**Representative from Suffolk Country Police Dept.**

Reported that crime statistics for our area have stayed the same compared to last year.

**50/50 DRAWING:**

The 50/50 was won by Vana McClure who donated her \$20 winnings back to the Civic.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:03 PM.

Next Meeting: Guest – Councilman Loguercio

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathrine Soscia,  
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