

THE CORAM CIVIC ASSOCIATION  
General Membership Meeting  
May 30, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 PM by President Erma Gluck, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for our troops home and abroad. Board members present: Erma Gluck, Bob Gluck, Paul Ziems, Chris Reilly, Vana McClure and Jean Hartling. There were approximately 31 members and guests in attendance.

**Announcements:** 1) The guest speaker for June will be County Executive Steve Bellone. He would like to hear of questions the membership may have. His assistant, Felix Adeyeye is present this evening and will take questions at the end of the meeting. 2) Members were asked to complete the membership survey with suggestions for future meeting topics and events. 3) The Civic Country Line Dance event takes place Friday, July 13 from 7:00 to 9:00 PM. Registration now being taken. 4) The second annual Coram Community Summer Concert will take place at Coram Fire Sub Station 2, Monday, August 13 from 7:00 to 10:00 PM. Southbound will be the band performing. Promotional flyers were distributed.

**Student Community Service Scholarship:** Erma Gluck presented the \$500.00 Coram Civic Association Community Service Scholarship Award to Longwood High School student Kristina Gonzalez.

**Great Brookhaven Cleanup:** Erma Gluck presented TOB Certificates from Supervisor Edward Romaine to the sixteen members who participated in the cleanup on May 19.

**GUEST SPEAKERS:**

Edwin Velazquez, Sr. Coordinator, Planning and Development Specialist for the new Coram Day Center, led a discussion on the center and was assisted by staff members Michelle San Martin and Laura Grimaldi. The center offers people with intellectual and developmental disabilities a range of services across the lifespan. It will offer programs in art, music, movement, gardening and skills with socialization, community participation as well as nutrition, health and wellness. Hours of operation will be 8:00 AM to 4:00PM. After arrival clients will travel to job sites. There are twenty-five clients enrolled. An Open House will be held on June 18 and the Civic Board will attend.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Brookhaven National Lab Citizens Advisory Committee (Paul Ziems):** The May 10 meeting provided a groundwater update on WWI spills. This yearly presentation is required prior to reporting to State regulators. There was also a discussion on nonproliferation of nuclear weapons. BNL coordinates all US data on radiation detection updates and trains volunteers who monitor large public event where threats may be present. The BNL Summer Sunday events for the community take place in July and August. The Pianofest programs take place all summer long, usually on Wednesdays. Contact [www.bnl.org](http://www.bnl.org) for postings.

**Fire Department Update:** Commissioner Van Johnson gave an update on recent calls for motor vehicle accidents, house fires, and drug overdose. Narcan training is making a substantial difference in lives saved from overdose. He also provided tips for barbeque safety, specifically safe storage of ashes, shut down of both gas grill and tank, and use of barbeques a safe distance from the house. Mr. Johnson noted the near completion of the pavilion, kitchen and restrooms and noted he would like to see the Civic involved in a community barbeque at those facilities.

**Question for County Executive Bellone:** Individual members submitted written questions they came up with during the meeting and the Board submitted a typed, written list previously developed. Questions include: 1. Request for a list of county resources for resident issues such as taxes, roads, dumping, zoning, etc. 2. Why the County taxes are up 4.99% when increased police staffing promised no increase? 3. Why is the County in debt and what are plans for bringing the debt down and getting a better market rating? 4. Are all items proposed for next year funded so that the County will not take on more debt?

**50/50 Drawing** was won by Tom Zicari, who took home \$20.00.

### **Motion to Adjourn:**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jean Hartling, Recording Secretary