

THE CORAM CIVIC ASSOCIATION
General Membership Meeting
October 22, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 7:38 PM by President Erma Gluck, followed by a moment of silence for our troops at home and abroad.

Board members present: Erma Gluck, Paul Ziems, Chris Reilly, Bob Gluck, Kathrine Soscia, Vana McClure and Jean Hartling,

There were approximately fifty-three members and guests in attendance.

OFFICER REPORTS:

Membership (Vana McClure): There are 87 members to date.

Finance (Paul Ziems): The balance of funds is \$2341.89.

BNL (Paul Ziems): The October 11 Community Advisory Committee covered two topics: 1. Energy Research at Brookhaven Lab and 2. Concerns with PEAS, a ground water contaminate primarily in eastern Suffolk wells that cannot be screened like the SCWA water supply can.

GUEST SPEAKERS:

Dr. John Gallagher, Director of fine Arts for Longwood Schools, gave an overview of “Yip-Yip Yaphank”, a World War I era production by Irving Berlin. It will be performed at the High School on Friday, November 9 at 7:00 PM and on Saturday, November 11 at 2:00 PM and 7:00PM. The event is a cross-curricular one involving students in the Art, Music, Social Studies, Theater and Family and Consumer Science Departments. There will be displays of authentic WWI materials as well as student produced art and projects throughout the building. The ninety-one year old daughter of Irving Berlin may attend the event. It is open to the public at no charge and residents are encouraged to attend.

Joseph DeStefano, republican candidate for NYS Assembly District 3, was unable to attend our “Meet the Candidates” meeting in September and was given time to discuss his qualifications and background. Concerns with the proposed legalization of marijuana were again raised by Civic members.

Mr. Nimal Basra, owner of the Rt. 112 Seven Eleven, spoke of the importance of education and his desire to provide financial support for two students: one in financial need and one demonstrating scholarship. His offer is much appreciated and will be directed through the Longwood School District.

Mr. Basra has been very generous in providing refreshments for Civic meetings.

SCPD 6th Precinct Report: Officer John Efstathiou gave an overview of statistics for the past month compared to the same period last year. Most incidents were down for this period, with the exception of medical and overdose calls, which were up slightly. Officer Efstathiou encouraged residents to sign up at website SCPD.org to receive information about community meetings, alerts and road closures. The next Precinct Community Meeting will be Tuesday, November 13 at 7:00PM with Inspector Reilly leading.

CORAM UPDATES:

2018 Civic Community Events (Jean Hartling): 1) To raise funds for our annual student scholarship, a County Line Dancing event was held on July 19th. It was well attended and will provide the scholarship. By request, another event is in planning for March 2019. 2) The 2nd Annual Coram Community Concert was held August 19 with over 400 people attending. The free concert was provided for by a grant through Legislators Sarah Anker's office and with the support of the Coram Fire Department. A third concert is in planning for July 2019. 2) Our 11th Annual Holiday Festival and Tree Lighting Ceremony will take place Sunday, December 2 at 3:00PM at the Coram Firehouse. This event is free and open to all Coram Residents. There will be raffles, a 50/50, children from the Coram Elementary School will sing and Santa will arrive for photos. Volunteers to help with the event are needed as are raffle items and baskets.

Events lined up for 2019 include: 1) Spring Line Dancing event (March) 2) Davis House Historical Society Tea (1st Saturday in May) 3) The Great Brookhaven Cleanup (3rd Saturday in May) 4) Third Coram Community Concert (July) 5) Longwood Fair (September) 6) Davis House Historical Society Yard Sale and Craft Fair (September) 7) Twelfth Annual Holiday Festival (December). Volunteers are needed to help with all of these events.

Status of Local Business Development (Erma Gluck): 1) The Starlite/Champion Auto shop has begun some work on renovation 2) Gas Con Carwash has filed papers with the TOB for its development 3) All American Assisted Living has filed its papers and is awaiting a Town Board meeting (March) 4) The old Capital One Bank Building is in need of renovations 5) The old building at the proposed Taco Bell site has had asbestos abatement completed and the building was demolished. Taco Bell has filed no requests or permits from the Town for rebuilding. 6) Mavis Tire has begun renovation at the old Meineke site. 7) The old restaurant at Plaza 99 was cited for violations and is in the process of clean up. There are no new proposals for the site yet.

New Business (Chris Reilly): Chris reviewed the packet of election information prepared for Civic members listing positions, candidates and the proposal under consideration. He also highlighted, with printed examples, the new Town website at which resident may go for resources, help and reference. The Longwood School District web site was also discussed. It provides helpful information about local issues and resources such as internet safety, drugs, abuse, and distracted driving.

Coram Civic Community Survey (Chris Reilly): The survey was given to each person present and is also available on the website. It provides examples and asks that each person complete it and return it to us with thoughts, concerns and ideas for community improvement as well as the top five areas of concern for Coram.

Coram Fire Department (Van Johnson): Sub station 2 is in need of building improvements. A bond referendum for these improvements may be up for a community vote, possibly in December. Residents are asked to participate in the vote.

50/50 DRAWING:

The 50/50 was won by Barbara Rotino, who took home \$17.00.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Hartling
Recording Secretary