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# Live & In-Person <u>SPRING BIANNUAL MEETING @ SETAUKET NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE!!!</u> 7:00PM - Tuesday, May 17th

<u>GUEST SPEAKER:</u> Heather Amster, Regional Real Property Supervisor from the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation. She will answer questions and explain the DEC's role in the properties recently acquired.

We will also have our Annual Civic Board of Directors Election – please see the end of the Newsletter for the Nominated Slate of Officers.

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# "Clean The Neck Day" - Saturday, May 14, 2022, 9AM to 11AM

The Strong's Neck Civic Association is organizing a "Clean the Neck" day on Saturday May 14, 2022, to coincide with the "Great Brookhaven Clean Up" and a National effort to keep neighborhoods clean. Running from 9 AM to 11 AM, the focus will be on Dyke Road (Pillars to Cemetery) and all of Maple Rd. Meet us at Dyke & Maple to sign in and get your free shirt and trash bags! This is a great opportunity for our community to work together as well as teach our children to value and respect our beautiful Neck. Safety is paramount and precautions such as cones and signs will be used to alert motorists.

The Town will be supplying bags, gloves and tee shirts! They will be collecting our bagged trash at the corner of Dyke and Maple. The Civic would like to register our clean up with Brookhaven town in order to obtain necessary supplies. We are looking for a head count of who would like to participate. *Please reply to the post on the Strong's Neck Neighbors Facebook page, or contact SNCA Secretary Susan Rydzeski* at <a href="mailto:brydzeski@aol.com">brydzeski@aol.com</a>.

### **Residents Stepping Up:**

Many thanks to resident Don Strong, Jr for joining our Board!

#### **How Your Civic Is Trying To Help:**

- We have been meeting monthly with Town Councilmember Jonathan Kornreich. He has been very receptive to our questions regarding future use of all properties recently acquired by the Town, State and DEC, as well as properties in Strong's Neck that could be developed in the future. He follows up on our questions and has made himself available whenever we have asked to meet. We appreciate his support.
- The Civic also met in February with Assemblyman Steve Engelbright. During this meeting we conveyed the concerns the Civic has for our community, many of which we have been discussing with Mr Kornreich. Mr Engelbright has pledged his support and will maintain contact with us on issues we are monitoring.
- Requests have been made to the Town Highway and Safety Departments regarding POTHOLES along Dyke Rd. Hooray! They
  are being filled as this Newsletter is being written!
- If you have concerns about a specific area, (trees, brush, potholes, animals) please contact us via mail, PO Box 2075 Setauket NY 11733, or contact the Town Call Center directly at 631-451-TOWN (8698) The operator will file the request for you!

#### How You, Our Residents, Can Help:

- Observe the speed limit! 30MPH may seem slow, but if you are out for a walk on a lovely day and a car passes closely, even 30MPH can feel frightening.
- Watch for walkers and bicyclists. Our shoulders are narrow and, in many cases overgrown, forcing pedestrians and bike riders closer to the car lanes. Try to stay off the shoulder.
- · Realize that many of our bicyclists are children who are not familiar with the "rules of the road." Pass them with care.
- Slow down at the two sharp curves near the Pillars. The speed limit there is 25MPH and 15MPH, and there is virtually no shoulder for pedestrians.
- Support your Beach Associations, many of which will be having Spring Clean-Ups soon! Keep our shoreline beautiful!

### **Deer Caution Signaling Practice:**

If another car flashes their bright lights or is stopped with their hazard/warning lights flashing, please slow down and be alert to the presence of deer near the road. These two simple signaling practices have been suggested as a way we can alert each other to the presence of deer along the roadside. Let's make an effort to keep everyone safe.

#### Keep Strong's Neck Beautiful:

As we move into Spring and Summer, residents should keep their eyes open for any trash you see accumulated along area roadways, especially on high traffic streets like Maple and Dyke Roads. We have a lot of "community" land that we all enjoy. We each need to do our part to ensure SN remains pristine. Thank you, in advance, to all those who help with this effort.

#### Pedestrian & Bicycle Safety:

It is a beautiful time to finally be outside! There is always a noticeable increase in the number of residents walking and biking. Drivers should be on-the-lookout, especially on some of the roads that have blind curves or have little to no shoulder. If you are a cyclist, please ride single-file with the traffic wherever possible. Those walking should try to walk against the traffic whenever possible. If you know of any areas where the Town Right-of-Way needs mowing or clearing, please let us know and we will contact the Town Highway Dept. Your Civic is here for you!

#### **Essential Boating Safety Tips**

- Be prepared with safety gear
- Bring the proper life jackets
- Check the weather beforehand
- Check for harmful fumes.

Strong's Neck Resident Businesses email the Civic Secretary, Susan Rydzeski ( <a href="mailto:brydzeski@aol.com">brydzeski@aol.com</a> ) to add/delete your business			
Greenman Design (Sandra Greenman) Freelance graphic designer/advertising business greenmandesign@yahoo.com 516-343-2917	4 Shore Shrinkwrap (Ken Michaels) Shrinkwrap boats, patio furniture and more  4shoreshrinkwrap@gmail.com  631-828-0520		
Bowerbirds Inc. (Gretchen Hess Argyros) Full service interior design firm www.bowerbirdsinc.com/ Instagram: @bowerbirds_inc info@bowerbirdsinc.com 631-209-7582	Home Port Engineering, PC (Thomas O'Dwyer, PE) Environmental & Civil Engineering, Septic System Design, Stormwater Drainage Design, Home Inspections www.HomePortengineering.com 631-2238752		
The Clausen Agency, Inc (Arlene & Chris Clausen) Insurance Agency ClausenAgency.com 631-744-1393	Long Island Optometry Care (Brian Ludwig) Visiting eye care (optometrists) https://longislandoptometrycare.com/ 1-800-605-3937		

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## **SNCA Officers and Directors**

Harry Janson II: President Margo Arceri: Vice President Susan Rydzeski: Secretary Ann Strong: Assistant Secretary Steve Coccaro, Treasurer Directors: Valerie Adamec, Joe Catapano,

Mary Gonzales, Tom O'Dwyer, Don Strong, Jr, Greg Trikouros

Nominated SNCA Slate: Officers: Harry Janson-President, Margo Arceri-Vice President, Susan Rydzeski-Secretary, Ann Strong-Asst Secretary, Steve Coccaro-Treasurer. Directors: Valerie Adamec, Mary Gonzales, Don Strong, Jr

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Please mail payment: Strong's Neck Civic Association	Name:		
P. O. Box 2075 Setauket, NY 11733	Address: Email Address:	Phone:	

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