



Biannual Meeting on Tuesday, October 17, 2023, 7:00PM **AT SETAUKET NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE**

At the present time the Neighborhood House does not have a mask policy but for the safety of all attending, we recommend the wearing of a mask.

GUEST SPEAKER!!!

Brookhaven Town Councilmember Jonathan Kornreich has been open and supportive of our many concerns. He will be updating us on the following issues his office has been working on with the Civic: water quality, the raising of Dyke Rd project, dredging of our Bays, Town Highway Department paving projects, and the status and future plans for the DEC and Peconic Land Trust properties near the Pillars. Bring your questions!

"Deer" Residents

Some helpful information contributed by resident Pete Bellard

We all know from living in Strong's Neck that we are inundated with deer - it seems the deer season never ends. As the Deer Bow Hunting Season approaches (Oct 1-Jan 31) please be mindful of the following...

With mild winters and no predation (besides our cars) the deer population has been thriving. It appears to be a "mast year" and, with heavy acorn yields, the deer will again have a healthy year through 2023-2034. Please be safe and alert when driving during DUSK and DAWN, the highest deer movement time periods during each day. Between late October and mid November the deer are also very active during the day as the male deer are experiencing "the rut." These are periods when most accidents occur so try to be extra careful.

Also, if you hear gun shots (only shotgun, no rifles), to clarify, that is being reflected during Duck Hunting Season (Nov 18-26 and Dec 9 – Jan 28). No guns are legally allowed during Deer Bow Hunting Season. If one of the main concerns about the Duck Hunting Season is the noise, I would suggest calling our local constituents and ask why NY State does not allow suppressors, which reduce over 50% of the noise (NY is one out of 8 states in our country that do NOT allow suppressors).

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.

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.

Recent Civic Accomplishments:

- Fall flowers were planted in the gardens surrounding the Strong's Neck Pillars
- The removal of several dead trees along our roadways was accomplished this summer.
- Brush was mowed and cleared this past summer making more room for pedestrians walking.
- We are working with local officials to address the growing deer population. A special meeting will be scheduled soon with Leslie Lupo, NY State DEC Regional Wildlife Biologist, who will be advising us of the programs available to us for deer management. More on this to come.

Keep Strong's Neck Beautiful:

As we move from Summer to Fall/Winter, 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:

The fall season is a beautiful time to 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!

Hurricane Preparedness:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extra batteries • Candles or lamps with fuel • Prescription drugs • Food that you don't have to refrigerate or cook • Materials and tools for emergency home repairs—such as heavy plastic sheeting, plywood, a hammer, etc | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First aid supplies • A portable NOAA weather radio • A wrench and other basic tools • A flashlight • A three-day supply of drinking water • Review your insurance policy |
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Strong's Neck Resident Businesses

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<p>The Clausen Agency, Inc (Arlene & Chris Clausen) Insurance Agency ClausenAgency.com 631-744-1393</p>	<p>Long Island Optometry Care (Brian Ludwig) Visiting eye care (optometrists) https://longislandoptometrycare.com/ 1-800-605-3937</p>
<p>Greenman Design (Sandra Greenman) Freelance graphic designer/advertising business greenmandesign@yahoo.com 516-343-2917</p>	<p>Tri-Spy Tours in collaboration with The Three Village Historical Society Walking, Biking, and Kayak Tours - Margo Arceri www.culper.com 631-751-2720</p>

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