

**Strong's Neck Civic Association**  
P.O. Box 2075  
Setauket, NY 11733



**May 2024 Newsletter**

**[www.strongsnneck.org](http://www.strongsnneck.org)**

**SPRING BIENNIAL MEETING @**  
**SETAUKET NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE!!!**  
**7:00PM - Tuesday, May 21st**

Are you (or do you know) your Beach Association President? Please send their name and contact info to Board Secretary Susan Rydzeski ([brydzeski@aol.com](mailto:brydzeski@aol.com))

**GUEST SPEAKER:** *Steve Tricarico, Brookhaven's Chief Deputy Superintendent of Highways. Steve is responsible for the Raising of Dyke Rd project. He and his engineers will explain the details of the project including the time frame - come with your questions!*

**SNCA Annual Election:** *We will vote on the following slate: Margo Arceri-President, Harry Janson-Vice President, Susan Rydzeski-Secretary, Rose Auld-Assst Secretary, Steve Cocco-Treasurer, Tom O'Dwyer-Director, Joe Catapano-Director. Not up for election but continuing to serve are: Valerie Adamec, Nick DeMarco, Don Strong Jr and Greg Trikourous*

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**"Clean The Neck Day" – Saturday, May 18, 2024, 9AM to 11AM**

The Strong's Neck Civic Association is organizing a "Clean the Neck" day on Saturday May 18, 2024, 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 [brydzeski@aol.com](mailto:brydzeski@aol.com).**

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

We meet almost monthly with Town Councilmember Jonathan Kornreich and his Legislative Assistant Amani Khan. Both have been extremely 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. Each month the Civic is in conversation with the Councilmember's office about the issues concerning our residents. We appreciate his support. Below is a brief overview of issues your Civic is working on and monitoring:

- We are in constant contact with the DEC regarding the status of the development of lands near the Pillars. Our petition, which was also signed by Ed Flood, Steve Englebright and Jonathan Kornreich, was delivered by Assemblyman Flood to the DEC Office. We will update the residents when we receive a response.
- Through our Councilmember Jonathan Kornreich, we are monitoring plans for the raising of Dyke Rd project, hence this month's guest speaker. Our goal is to have community input on this project, obtain a design plan and timeline.
- Requests have been made to the Town Highway and Safety Departments to trim the brush back much farther on Dyke Rd between Bob's Ln and the Pillars (Little Bay side of road) to give walkers more room.
- M & J Engineering has been chosen to do the work at Minasseroke Beach. The project is currently in the design phase and awaiting environmental permit applications.
- 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

<b>Strong's Neck Resident Businesses</b>	
State Farm Insurance (Billy Williams) Insurance Agency 218 Main St, Setauket <a href="mailto:billy.williams.ngfp@statefarm.com">billy.williams.ngfp@statefarm.com</a> 631-828-9048	Dowling Knipping Klein Insurance Coastal- Marine - Aviation Specialty George Klein , Matt Klein <a href="http://WWW.DKKINS.COM">WWW.DKKINS.COM</a> 631-584-6222
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Greenman Design (Sandra Greenman) Freelance graphic designer/advertising business <a href="mailto:greenmandesign@yahoo.com">greenmandesign@yahoo.com</a> 516-343-2917	Tri-Spy Tours in collaboration with The Three Village Historical Society Walking, Biking, and Kayak Tours - Margo Arceri <a href="http://www.culper.com">www.culper.com</a> 631-751-3730
Suffolk Plastic Surgeons, PC (Dr Stephen Coccaro) 179 Belle Meade Rd, Suite 1 E. Setauket, NY 11733 <a href="http://www.suffolkplasticsurgeons.com">www.suffolkplasticsurgeons.com</a> 631-751-4400	Dr Nick DeMarco, DPT, CSCS Concierge Personal Training & Physical Therapy Strong's Neck, NY 631-942-4016

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[www.stongsneck.org](http://www.stongsneck.org)  
 Join our **Facebook Group Page** (Listed under *Strong's Neck Neighbors*)

**SNCA Officers and Directors**

- Margo Arceri: President
- Harry Janson II: Vice President
- Susan Rydzeski: Secretary
- Rose Auer: Assistant Secretary
- Steve Coccaro, Treasurer
- Directors: Valerie Adamec, Joe Catapano,  
 Nicholas DeMarco, Tom O'Dwyer, Don Strong Jr, Greg Trikouros



**SUPPORT YOUR CIVIC - BECOME A MEMBER**

**Annual Membership Dues (Jan 1-Dec 31, 2024). **\$20.00 per Household (includes 1 sticker)****

*Please mail payment:*

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