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Happy New Year!

We here at the Civic sincerely hope everyone had safe and joyous Holidays. Hopefully, everyone enjoyed the sights of our Holiday Tree as well as our new addition - that beautiful Menorah. That was built by the son of Councilwoman Gerri Esposito, Jim Esposito, and we are very grateful. May it, along with our Christmas Tree, light for many years to come. Our Tree lighting was a great turnout and a great time - the Centereach H.S. Choir was excellent and a really nice bunch of kids. Many of us learned that we need to brush up on our lyrics. Thanks to Starbucks for the coffee, All American Services of Bohemia for putting up and taking down the lights, Sal Santorelli and Nelson Colon of Boy Scouts troop 356 performed significant electrical work on the building so we can expand our display each year. Our own Joe Rizzolo and Sal spent many hours on this and I cannot say enough about it. None of this would have been possible if it were not coordinated by the very capable Mary Lewis and Christina Macari. And of course, Paul Hedling of Commander Enterprise (property mgmt) not only gave us our annual permission but gave us the green light to expand the electrical capabilities. The Centereach Fire Dept, Walmart and of course Santa for taking time out of his busy schedule. All involvement is greatly appreciated. There were certainly other volunteers and donations that made it all work but those mentioned here deserve special thanks. Again, a great success and thanks to all our neighbors for making it so.

Respectfully,

NEXT GENERAL MEETING JAN 26th 7:30 PM CENTEREACH FIRE DEPT

Speaker: RETIRED OFFICER JAMES GARCIA

Topic: HOME INVASIONS, CRIME, DRUGS and GANGS

Yes, you still see Dart Fuel operating, to the best of my knowledge, they were to be shut down completely on December 21st, 2005 after failing to comply with the court order. The Civic is on this and will bring Councilwoman Walsh and the necessary town employees up to speed. As everyone should be aware there are major changes happening at Town Hall. Hopefully for the better but only time will tell. As soon as people are settled in the Town the civic will make sure that this is addressed and finalized. Unfortunately, the wait for settling down at the Town may affect a few of our bigger issues.

New Projects.....

The Civic upon receiving a number of requests will now be assisting small clusters of neighbors form "Block Associations". From issues of safety where neighbors can watch out for each other to bringing larger issues to light will be the focus of these groups. We will be hosting the 2nd of the initial meetings in February (tba). If you feel this would be of interest to your immediate vicinity, please choose 3 -5 people who would be willing to take the lead and join us at this meeting. Send your contact information to us through the civic website or join us at the next general meeting. Once organized the COPE department will join in to assist us.

We will also be learning more on topics such as home invasions, gangs, drugs and crime from our guest speaker, James Garcia. Being informed of what to watch out for and how to handle a problem once it arises is our best defense. There is more going on right here in Centereach than you may realize.

DUES

Please send in your dues in you haven't for this current year, we realize that it is easily forgotten but your donation is very much needed for us to continue working on your behalf. Costs covered by membership dues are primarily, postage and printing, that alone really adds up. The board members are all volunteers.

Please Note - the cut out for your elected officials has changed. The names of some of your local elected officials are new, please cut out the section - they can only serve us well if we tell them what we want and let them know that we are paying attention.

AN ASSET TO THE COMMUNITY

Our Community Foundation of Centereach (501c3) is doing very well. Something that we believe may be of interest to the general masses is that if an organization is looking to secure grant monies or do a fundraiser and is not already their own 501c3 they can in fact use the services of the CFC. Feel free to contact the CFC board members through the civic website or general meetings to see if they can be of service to your group. Board members are Carol Cavalieri, Jocelyn Lagville - Graham, Arlene Rizzolo, Joel Wohlgemuth, Joe Rizzolo, Mike Anderson and Diane Caudullo. A 501c3 Corp. is a great tool to secure funding that may have otherwise seemed unobtainable.

More great things happening around Town.....

We just learned of a pilot program going on at the schools. It's an "open school night" for High School students to hang out at the High School. They will have a variety of sports, activities and food. They can get their hair and nails done, dance or drive simulated race cars. There is an area for kids to play their musical instruments, use computers or just hang out. The first night is Jan 19th a Thursday but in the future they are going to do Friday nights. The 1st night is at Newfield High School from 6 - 9 and is only open to Newfield High School student's - the next one will be at Centereach High only open to Centereach students. See schools for more details. This is free to the kids and the aforementioned CFC has joined with the Chamber of Commerce and the PTA to fund / sponsor this event. This is a great idea, it provides an alternative to aimlessly walking the streets. The committee has dubbed themselves Committee for Better Choices and we commend them and wish them great success.

That new CVS is looking pretty nice as we get a look at the almost complete version of the building we helped design - just goes to prove ...

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has. (Margaret Mead, Anthropologist)

Okay, so today it is a CVS, tomorrow Middle Country Road, the world? Maybe next week.

Your Representatives

Brookhaven Town Level

Councilwoman Kathy Walsh – 451-6655
Supervisor Brian Foley – 451-9100
Highway Superintendent John Rouse – 732-3571

Suffolk County Level

Legislator Joe Caracappa – 854-9292
County Executive Steve Levy – 853-4000

New York State Level

Assemblywoman Ginny Fields – South side of MCR – 589-8685
Assemblyman Steve Engelbright – North side of MCR – 751-3094
Senator John Flanagan – 2nd District – 361-2154



“I am only one but still I am one. I cannot do everything, but still I can do something, and because I cannot do everything, I will not refuse to do the something that I can do.”
~ Helen Keller ~

Come Join Us!”

Upcoming meetings:

Held at the Centereach Fire Department at 7:30 p.m.

January 26th February 23rd

March 30th April 27th

May 25th June 29th

PLEASE PARK IN THE VISITOR PARKING LOT

HANDICAPPED MAY USE DESIGNATED SPOTS IN RESPONDING FIRE PERSONNEL LOT

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