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Thank you to all who came to our last meeting. As everyone knows there is strength in numbers. And we showed our strength.

Special Thanks to Supervisor Foley for speaking with us. The new Supervisor along with his new administration is making some much needed changes in our Township. Centereach looks forward to playing an active role in what determines our communities' future.

Regarding the presentations made last meeting; Carol Cavalieri and Christina Macari who head our Open Space committee have reached out to the Town of Brookhaven to see if they can purchase the parcel proposed for the Medical Park. Our preference here would be to leave it "green". If it can not be left green we welcome the Medical Park. The building of the Medical Park is by Crystal Bay Homes.

Dart Fuel gave his presentation of his final site plan. The civic – representing general community census is still vehemently opposed to this plan. Our Fire Chief Tom Pelio added his strong concerns for safety on this site plan. Even more so now, we have the attention of Councilwoman Walsh and Supervisor Foley, this site will no longer "fly beneath the radar".

There will be two presentations made at the upcoming meeting; Commerce Bank – proposed for the vacant Sizzler site; A Gas Station/convenience store and car wash proposed for the old 'Liberty Diner' site (by McCarville Ford)

Congratulations to our very own Jeff Freund who was "surprised" by Legislator Joe Caracappa with "Volunteer of the Year". Jeff does a tremendous amount for our community and the acknowledgement was well deserved. Thank you for all your hard work Jeff.

Respectfully,
Diane Caudullo
President

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Report From the Smart Growth Coalition

Creating a Downtown from One of the Most Dangerous Roads in New York

Centereach and Selden community invited to create a new vision for Middle Country

Press conference to be held; Centereach, N.Y. June 23, 2006 –The Middle Country Coalition for Smart Growth and Sustainable Long Island have been awarded funding by New York State Senator John Flanagan, Town of Brookhaven Supervisor Brian X. Foley and Town Councilwoman Kathleen Walsh, Suffolk County Legislators Joseph Caracappa and Vivian Vilorio-Fisher, and State Assemblyman Steve Englebright and State Assemblywoman Ginny Fields to work with local residents to address safety concerns along Middle Country Road (State Road 25), one of the most dangerous roads in New York.

The Middle Country Coalition for Smart Growth and Sustainable Long Island will engage local residents, business owners, clergy, and youth in a community planning process. The four-month long process will include community training seminars throughout the summer, providing community members with a base knowledge and vocabulary to constructively address quality of life issues in the community including, walkability, safety, open space, traffic, and land use. In October the visioning weekend will give all community members the chance to express their opinions in a community process. The results of that weekend will be compiled and will be the basis to produce a community plan that local groups and public officials can use as a guide in future decision making.

Dates and times to be announced....

Community Development Workshops

Community Visioning Weekend: A visually engaging, interactive, and collaborative series of public workshops, focus groups, field condition inventories and design sessions. It offers opportunities for friendly, informal discourse and debate among community residents, resulting in workable visions and solutions for the community.

The Middle Country Coalition for Smart Growth was formed to coordinate and direct the revitalization of the Centereach and Selden communities by developing a safe, fun, and environmentally healthy place to live, work, and shop for all of our citizens. By coordinating efforts with Sustainable Long Island, the coalition hopes to address: the Route 25 improvement project by the NYS DOT; foster economic development through new and forward thinking means; create one or more “downtown” areas; develop a range of housing options to attract and retain the young worker; and build a process for the development of the youth of our community.

Sustainable Long Island is a New York State chartered, federally tax exempt regional nonprofit corporation serving Nassau and Suffolk Counties. Sustainable Long Island is funded through private and public sources. The organization has engaged more than 3,000 Long Islanders in the community planning process, resulting in the investment of over \$70 million to create downtowns, a range of housing opportunities, and enhance the quality of life for all local residents.

ALL DETAILS FOR THIS “VISIONING PROCESS” WILL BE POSTED AND UPDATED ON THE CIVIC WEB SITE. VISIT OFTEN.

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Centereach Civic Association, P.O. Box 35, Centereach, NY 11720**

There was a beautiful maple tree that sits on the center island on Dawn Dr. along side of the Suffolk Diner. The tree was planted and maintained in memory of Kathleen McKiernan. Unfortunately that tree was recently destroyed from an accident. The Civic took the liberty to have a new Maple tree replanted in its' place. To the best of our knowledge the father of Kathleen maintains the area. The tree was replaced with nothing short of sincere intentions – to respect his daughter’s memory as well as appreciate the beauty of the island. It is a welcomed site in the midst of chaos.

The Civic year runs from September through June – we do not meet in July and August. Please consider at this time to renew your membership. \$20 per household is the recommended donation, you can however simply return your membership form with a smaller donation or no donation at all. The donation is helpful but not necessary to become a member. Please provide an email address to receive your newsletter online.

Membership

Please use the following section to join or renew your membership. Please make copies and distribute -- there is strength in numbers! Please include your phone number and e-mail address as we are trying to ensure that we can notify the community quickly when things come up.

Visit our web site often - current news will be added regularly. You can also join the civic or contact us through the site.

Please fill in and send:

Name:	Phone:
Address:	E-mail:
City/State/Zip: Centereach, NY 11720	

**Please send \$20.00 (voluntary) per family made out and mailed to:
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Additional donations welcome!**

Your Representatives

Brookhaven Town Level

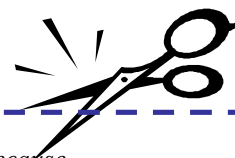
Councilwoman Kathy Walsh – 451-6655
Supervisor Brian Foley – 451-9100
Highway Superintendent John Rouse – 732-3571

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.

June 29th

PLEASE PARK IN THE VISITOR PARKING LOT

HANDICAPPED MAY USE DESIGNATED SPOTS IN RESPONDING FIRE PERSONNEL LOT

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SCHOOLS OUT, DRIVE SAFELY!

HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY SUMMER!

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