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Message from the President...

The Visioning Weekend was a great success. Even with the really bad rain on Saturday we had a great turnout. Over 600 local residents were involved and contributed at some point over the process. Please visit www.middlecountrysmartgrowth.com to follow the process as this is only the beginning. Now, we start to specify projects, seek out funding and work to complete each.

Our meet the candidates' night was also a success. Many thanks to Debbie Felber and the board of the Selden Civic for hosting the event. I must add that as a person who attended many meet the candidates' nights at various civics this past year, ours had the best attendance, all but one candidate was there and had intelligent questions from the audience. I think that says a lot about the Selden / Centereach community.

The upcoming meeting will be held on November 30th at 7:30 pm at the Centereach Fire House. There will be a few small presentations. A spokesperson for the Federation of Organizations will be there speaking about opportunities to volunteer in the foster grandparent program and/or assistance to seniors. The meeting will also be a chance for our general community members to meet the candidates for Fire Commissioner. See article on this upcoming election inside.

As the Holidays approach, please mark your calendars for Dec 7th, our annual Holiday gathering. More information on this event can also be found inside.

Happy Thanksgiving to all, please remember those less fortunate.

Respectfully,

Diane Caudullo

President

NOV. 2006

Elections for Fire Commissioner – DEC 12th 2 pm – 9 pm

Our Fire Department has 5 Commissioners, every year one seat is up for election. We have always reminded everyone about the vote but we have never had a formal “meet the candidates”. The Fire Commissioners set the budget for the District which is then reflected in our tax rate and directly relates to the services they provide. Our Fire Department seems to be very well run and is something we should take great pride in. Sadly, most community members do not really know about the inner workings and only a few hundred people come out to vote each year. One of our Civic board members, Julia Wilson, also serves as the Fire District Secretary and will provide some information as to the business end of the fire district. Any one who submits a petition will be invited to join us to introduce themselves at the Nov 30th Civic meeting.

Holiday Gathering December 7th 7 pm – 8 pm

Come down and celebrate our community as we enter into the Holiday Season. This annual event is really worth stopping by for. It will be held at the Northfork Bank Property across from Suffolk Diner and continuing the “tradition” there will be Starbucks Hot chocolate, the Centereach High School Chorus, Centereach Fire Department, candy canes and we will end the event letting the kids sing. So brush up on your Holiday carols we expect everyone to join in.

This year there is an extra event – **FUNDRAISER**

On the same night as the Holiday gathering there is a very important fundraiser taking place at the Fire Department – It is a Spaghetti Dinner. \$10 per person and here is why you should go....

One of our own Firemen has a granddaughter who is in desperate need of a liver transplant And with all the worry that comes with such dire problems also comes worries of how to pay the insurmountable bills that come with it.

There is a 5:00; 6:30 and 8:00 PM sitting. You could in essence have dinner then come straight to the Holiday Gathering or leave Holiday Gathering and go straight to the dinner. Or, because we are all very busy, you could just send a donation to Centereach Fire Dept. 9 So. Washington Ave –note TRANSPLANT in memo or call 588-8652 for your reservation. And even more importantly you could remember this family in your prayers.

Elections Results... Congratulations to all those who won and we look forward to continuing our relationships for the betterment of Centereach;

Congressman Tim Bishop; NYS Senator John Flanagan;

Assemblyman Steve Englebright; Assemblywoman Ginny Fields;

County Clerk Judy Pascale; US Senator Hillary Clinton

And Governor Elect Elliot Spitzer

Issue Update

Regarding the YAI Group Home for the mentally challenged; I would like to just let you know that the Civic was not called by any of the neighbors who were still in opposition of the home and I am not aware of any follow up by them. I think the YAI organization did a great job in presenting themselves and I believe that many questions and concerns were adequately addressed. Interestingly – while working on the smart growth project I had a conversation with a young man whose girlfriend works for YAI as a house staff. I was very impressed by all the great things he had to say about the house and the organization from his involvement through his girlfriend. However, please remember that if there are any issues with the home contact YAI directly and if there is not an appropriate response please bring it to the civic’s attention and we will gladly assist if necessary.

Civic Website

Sorry for the inconvenience but we have been having problems with the website. We tried to make changes to the site and basically messed something up – if anyone can help out the program is originally Frontpage which we made changes to through Contribute.

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:
Centereach Civic Association, PO Box 35, Centereach, NY 11720.
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!”

Held at the Centereach Fire Department at 7:30 p.m.
Upcoming meetings Nov 30th, Dec 7th Holiday Tree Lighting

**PLEASE PARK IN THE VISITOR PARKING LOT
HANDICAPPED MAY USE DESIGNATED SPOTS IN RESPONDING FIRE PERSONNEL LOT**

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