



Fire Place

Brookhaven Village Association

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BCC Update

The Brookhaven Community Coalition (BCC) was formed last March as Stop the Sludge (STS), a coalition of community members, civic and educational organizations, businesses and other stakeholders (including the Brookhaven Village Association), who got together to stop the dumping of wastewater sludge at the Brookhaven Town Landfill. Largely through the efforts of the STS, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) pulled the town's sludge permits, putting an end to one of the main causes of the odor problems we in the hamlet have suffered. In the wake of that success, the scope of the organization was expanded to address other health and quality of life issues in the community and the name was changed to the Brookhaven Community Coalition (BCC).

In June the BCC, with the Citizens Campaign for the Environment (CCE) held a community forum at Bellport High School. Over 300 local citizens attended and posed questions to the nine local and state officials who made up the panel. Most of the questions were related to the landfill and LI Compost/Great Gardens. In the summer of 2010 local firefighters and first responders fought a fire at the compost facility that lasted for nearly 24 hours. It was nearly a year later that they, and the BCC, learned that there has been an ongoing investigation on Horseblock Road involving soil contamination and radioactive surface water known to originate at LIC. The firefighters were rightly concerned about what toxins or other health hazards might they have been exposed to while fighting this fire. Again, with the help of the BCC, personnel who responded to the fire have been approved for future health and radiation checks at Stony Brook.

BCC has given us a voice with elected officials, with which we may air our concerns, let our needs and wishes be known, and to hold these elected officials accountable for the decisions they make. We are currently awaiting the result of tests on the contaminated groundwater at LIC, and for state officials

to make a decision on rescinding an exemption LIC has from a law which requires composting facilities to be fully enclosed. The odors, dust and noise from that facility often surpass that of the landfill just up the road.

We are looking into viable alternatives to keeping the landfill open for the rest of its expected capacity (16 years), and ready to be warriors for your health, air and water quality, and quality of life. To many of you it is a song already sung, and we thank you for your past efforts. We want you to know that the BVA is actively involved, still and again. Join us. If you have questions, suggestions or ideas, feel free to email me at

BVA11719@gmail.com.

Kathleen Scheibel

You can help by documenting the smell from both facilities.
Use the NYS DEC Odor Complaint Hotline:

631-444-0380

If You Smell Something, Say Something!

Fall Litter Clean-up

Saturday, November 5th 2011 at 10 am

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Orange Safety Vests Available

Bring your own work gloves

For more information call:

BVA Quality of Life Chairperson,
Jeffrey Jensen at 286-2128

Squassux Committee Chairman's Report

It's now October and summer is just a memory. What's left now is the damage at Squassux from Tropical Storm Irene.

We are currently working on a plan to upgrade our bubbler system in the canals to minimize the ice damage during winter. Included in this plan will be repairs to the electrical system. Our dock master, Andy Rubin, has put a lot of time and

energy toward this upgrade and I thank him for all his hard work.

Please lock the gate and pick up after your dogs. These are two small tasks that help to make everyone's experience at Squassux more enjoyable. See you in the spring.

John Curiale – Squassux Committee



Dock Master



Changes are planned for Squassux Landing. At the October 12th meeting, the BVA Board approved the installation of a new de-icing system to be installed this fall. The air bubbler system we used is costly, outdated, and works poorly. Also, only about 60% of the two main canals were actually protected by it. The costs to replace damaged docks have risen in the last three years to nearly one third of the Squassux Landing leasing revenue. The new system called Ice Eater, promises to be far cheaper to maintain each year, and should significantly reduce the dock repair costs each spring.

The technology used to operate Ice Eater is now used by the majority of marinas in the northeast. Electric motors with propellers circulate the water once the air temperature dips below freezing. The combination of agitation and stirring up warmer water from the canal bottom will keep the water from freezing especially in the deeper canal centers where there normally would be the most ice pressures. An additional benefit is that the water quality will be improved by moving and aerating the water. The open water will also provide a winter haven for birds and aquatic organisms.

This is a good time to institute this change because the canals are now deep enough to utilize this new system after last year's dredging project. Also, Squassux presently needs some overhaul of its electric service since most of it was submerged by Tropical Storm Irene. Fortunately, much of the electric service already in place is adequate to power the new de-icing system. After the cost of purchasing the Ice

Eater units and repairing the electricity, there should be significant savings in the years ahead.

Important – Please Read

The following operational changes will need to be made after November 15th, the end of this boating season:

- All boats from the two main canals must be removed by November 15th.
- The launching ramp will be locked and no boats will be permitted to launch or be retrieved.
- Anyone wishing to winter their boat must do so on the Carman's River side (Please contact the dockmaster prior to Nov. 15th).
- The main gate will be locked all winter and BVA members wishing to visit Squassux can park their car on Beaver Dam Road and walk in. This is a necessary precaution to prevent anyone from operating or launching boats which could result in injury, electrocution, or damage to boats and de-icers.

The electrical underwriter will not certify the new electrical outlets unless the premises are secured for the safety of the community and to safeguard the de-icer operations. This is a departure from the accessibility that has always been a part of the Squassux community experience. But in order to help keep Squassux Landing costs to a minimum and protect our marina, these steps are necessary. There are no other viable technologies available that will keep 1250' of waterways from freezing and severely damaging the docks each year.

Andy Rubin - Dock Master



BROOKHAVEN HAMLET HISTORY QUIZ



Here's a challenge from the students in the Bellport High School History Club! It's time to get out your history books and visit the library for a little research on local history. Search for the correct answers and return the completed Hamlet History Quiz for your chance to win the 1st, 2nd or 3rd prize. Members of the History Club will select the winners at their January, 2012 meeting. You can submit your answers to the BVA website (www.brookhavenvillageassociation.org) or at the Hamlet History Quiz box in the Brookhaven Free Library.

Entries are welcome from individuals, a family or a class in the South Country Central School District. Winners and the correct answers will be announced on the BVA website in January. Good luck and have fun learning some local history!

- What was the original name of Mott Lane? _____
- This publisher of the Long Island Advance had his house down on Beaver Dam Road, by the landing. _____
- Frank Forrester, (pen name, Henry William Herbert) had been in South Haven with Daniel Webster in 1827. What famous artwork are they portrayed in? _____
- Until 1871, Brookhaven Village was known as ...? _____
- Name three famous magazine publishers who resided in Brookhaven? _____
- How did Brookhaven get its name? _____
- What are the boundary lines for Brookhaven Hamlet _____
- Who is the artist/sculptor who had a summer home and studio on Beaver Dam Road? _____
- What resident of Brookhaven designed the US postage stamp, "Atoms for Peace"? _____
- He was the President of the American Institute of Architecture and had a large estate on Bellhaven Road. Who is he? _____



NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION — Resident membership in the Brookhaven Village Association is open to individual and family residents of Brookhaven Hamlet, as defined in the BVA ByLaws. To become a member, complete this form and send it, along with your annual membership fee to:

BROOKHAVEN VILLAGE ASSOCIATION • P.O. Box 167, Brookhaven, New York 11719

Membership Category: _____ Family, \$15 annual fee _____ Individual, \$10 annual fee

Name: _____ E-mail: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

Other family members at this address: _____

List areas of special concern on back • Dennis Puleston Environmental Fund contribution: \$ _____

• BVA Tree Fund contribution: \$ _____ • Virginia Brown Scholarship contribution \$ _____

• Cemetery Fund: \$ _____

Please Come Out and Lend a Hand



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The BVA Board meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:30 pm
at the Post Morrow Annex, 16 Bay Rd. Meetings are open to the public.



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