



October 2008

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Upcoming Events

**Fall Clean-up
 Stony Brook RR
 Station**

Saturday, Oct. 11
 8 a.m. - noon

**Budget Hearing for the
 Fire district**
 Oct 20 – 8:00 p.m.

Civic Association Meeting Dates

All meetings are scheduled to be held at the Emma S. Clark Library at 7:30 p.m.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic</u>
October 6	Meet the Candidates	November 3	All Things Environmental
December 1	TBA	January 5	TBA
February 2	TBA	March 2	TBA
April 6	TBA	May 4	TVSD Budget
June 1	Year End Review/Party		

Membership Outreach Drive

This year, we are working to expand our membership - with an emphasis on signing-up new, young families living in the Three Villages. The Civic Association continually works to preserve and protect our community, and there is strength in numbers. Please help us by encouraging your friends and family in the area to join our organization. Here are some great ways you can help us grow our membership:

- Give your friend a copy of our newsletter and bring a friend or neighbor to our meetings
- Give an individual or family membership as a gift to a friend or family
- Send our web site address to your friends in the community
- When you hear someone griping about an issue, ask them to take a positive action - join the Civic Association
- Have your business join the Association

And Dues are Due. Check your mailing label to see if it says "Dues Paid - Thanks". If not, please use last month's remittance envelope to help us and the Greening of 25A.

A Hot Issue

By the number of phone calls and e-mails we've received over the past few months, the Setauket Fire District's building plans continue to generate a lot of heat. The decision by the Commissioners to go ahead with building plans even though their bond issue was defeated, caused Newsday to write this interesting editorial in August titled "A Taxing Fire District"

Are the Setauket commissioners kidding?

Now we've heard everything. The Setauket Fire District in northern Suffolk County has decided to spend \$5.5 million on a new administration building, even though 90 percent of voters rejected a similar idea at the ballot box in March. And where is the fire district getting the money? Why, they are going to tack it on to tax bills - a plan that's probably illegal. King George III could not have shown greater arrogance toward his American colonies.

A decision will be made in October on whether to allow residents to vote on the tax increase. If the district takes King George's approach, however, Setauket voters will still have a second chance to voice how they feel about having their fire district taxes raised.

The district's residents in Setauket, East Setauket and parts of Stony Brook, Port Jefferson, Port Jefferson Station, Lake Grove and Centereach will have a chance to vote for the fire commissioners responsible for this decision, and they should keep this issue in mind. These often-ignored elections during the holiday season will be held on the first or second Tuesday in December - the date is supposed to be determined and advertised this fall.

Long Islanders are stretched thin by gas prices, layoffs and high taxes. Nobody doubts that fire departments perform an invaluable service to the community. But special districts like this need to learn to live within their means, so the rest of us can, too.

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NEXT MEETING:

MONDAY, October 6, 2008

EMMA CLARK LIBRARY, 7:30 P.M.

Meet the Candidates Night Candidates seeking elected office in November will be in attendance. All community residents are invited to attend this informative evening. Light refreshments will be served. If you have any local, state, regional, or national issues or questions you would like addressed during the Meet the Candidates evening, please e-mail us via the Association's web site. We'll try to include it in our format.

Elections ~ 2008

It's almost November! And that means this year's election season is in full swing. In TV ads, lawn signs, bulk mailings, etc. you get to read carefully crafted statements about the candidate and see staged pictures of the candidate, *but do you really know the candidate?* There is no better way to understand the person who wants your vote than to meet them 'up close and personal.' Our Meet the Candidates Night is unique. We invite all the candidates and give them an opportunity to discuss their backgrounds, ask them several questions, and then allow our members to meet them informally to discuss other issues. It is an evening to help you make up your mind by truly getting to know the people behind the posters!

And here is some important Election Day information. Share it with your friends and neighbors!

General Election Information for Election Day

Tuesday, November 4, 2008

Remember ~ you must be registered to vote!

If you need to register, or want more information: Call the Board of Elections at: 631-852-4500 or **Write** the Board of Elections at: Suffolk County Board of Elections, PO Box 700, Yaphank, Avenue, Yaphank, NY 11980.

And if you want to obtain up-to-date, honest, direct information from a respected independent source - **contact** the: League of Women Voters of Brookhaven 631-289-5235 www.lwv-suffolkcounty.org/brookhaven.htm

Don't Forget the Fall Clean Up

The Greening of 25A, a committee of our Civic Association, invites you to a very special event - *The 15th Annual Fall Clean-Up at the Stony Brook Railroad Station!* Bring your tools, gloves, family and friends to the **Stony Brook Train Station** on **Saturday, October 11 between 8:00 a.m. and noon.** Help for an hour or all morning! You'll help make a lasting contribution to our community.



Please Recycle

Don't throw this newsletter away!
Recycle it to a neighborhood
resident or friend in the
community. And ...mention that
we can always use new members!