



Civic Association of the Setaukets

The Civic Association of the Setaukets and Stony Brook !?

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For over sixty years our organization has been the active “voice” of the Three Village area. Founded in 1942, the Civic Association of the Setaukets has dedicated itself to preserving and protecting the unique character of the Setaukets, Stony Brook and the surrounding communities. And, while our Association has always represented all of the Three Villages, our name implies that our concern is only the Setauket area. How do we address that we are equally concerned with the University and the Stony Brook area? How do we address the fact that many of our members and Executive Board personnel are in the Stony Brook area? How can we more accurately reflect our broad concerns to the Town and County? Our Executive Board is discussing a name change to reflect our larger constituency – The Civic Association of the Setaukets and Stony Brook. What’s your opinion? This will be an important topic for discussion at our “Civic Issues and Wrap Up” meeting in June!

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- Bob Becherer
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Viewpoints: Our Rich History by Cynthia Barnes

The Rubber Factory, Company Housing, and the Story of Immigration into the Three Villages, 1876

The three Factory Houses on Old Town Road in Setauket belong to an important time in the history of the Three Village area that is often overlooked and ignored. In the years after the Civil War, the area was in transition. The shipping and ship building industry was leaving the Three Villages in favor of such deep harbor towns such as Port Jefferson. The industrial age struggled to take root in our mostly agrarian area.

Past Presidents

- Norma Watson
- Bill Schaub
- Ken Sundberg
- Bob deZafra
- Grace Vander Voort
- Peter Scully
- Don Garber

However, in 1876, some enterprising individuals brought industry to Setauket, establishing a factory to produce rubber goods. Eventually, there were two rubber factories - the original factory was located on the hill (south side of Route 25A at the curve just east of Shop and Stop) and another one near the harbor (where the garage and park are now located - near Sea Port Deli). The rubber factory on the hill was destroyed in a disastrous fire in 1904, and the smaller harbor factory sputtered to a financial end in the early 1900’s.

Upcoming Events

- Greening of 25A
- Cleanup of the Stony Brook RR Station
- Saturday, May 19, 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

The three modest houses on Old Town Road, just south of Route 25A, are part of our community’s history. These small homes are what remain of a number of similar houses that were on the property of Setauket’s rubber factory company.

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NEXT MEETING:

TUESDAY, April 10, 2007

EMMA CLARK LIBRARY

7:30 P.M.

COPE: Community Oriented Police Enforcement

Please attend

Note: the April Meeting is on a TUESDAY night!

Upcoming 2006-07 Civic Association Meeting Dates

All meetings listed are 7:30PM at the Emma S. Clark Library

Tues., April 10 - C.O.P.E., Mon., May 7 - School Budget/Candidates Mon., June 4 - Year End Review

April Meeting COPE

The Community Oriented Police Enforcement (COPE) Section of the Suffolk County Police Department (SCPD) has the responsibility of establishing patrols as directed by the Precinct Commanding Officer. Specialized patrols are frequently used to target traffic violations at high accident locations and neighborhood traffic complaints. COPE patrol also entails high-profile crime prevention in areas where there is criminal activity such as burglaries, robberies and drug dealing. The COPE unit utilizes both marked and unmarked patrol vehicles as well as bicycle patrols to achieve their directed task. Community relations also make up a large part of the COPE mission. One way that COPE fosters improved community relations is through establishing open lines of communication between community leaders, the business community, residents and SCPD and by addressing their concerns. The COPE unit also provides escorts and traffic control at area functions and events and assists the precinct patrol units with calls for service that come in through the 911 system. **At our April meeting, members of COPE will present an overview of their policing strategy and discuss with community members issues important to the Three Village area.** Join us!

Board Nominations

The nominations committee has met and has recommended the following slate. For Directors to 2010: Paul W. Willoughby, MD, Pat Flanagan and Mary Specht.. Charles Arasi moves to 1st VP, Kara Hahn moves to 2nd VP and John Broven moves to Director to 2008. Jim Graham and Jim Wilson are stepping down from the Board. We thank them for their service.

Our Rich History: *Continued from front*

During good times, it employed as many as 400 people. The factory houses were rented to immigrants who were recruited to work at the factory- at first largely Irish immigrants, and then Eastern Europeans and Ukrainians. It took four people working full-time at the factory just to pay the monthly rent. These little houses can help us tell the daily life and struggles of the families who moved here from distant places.

The Three Village Community Trust is working with the Setauket Fire District (which now owns the property) to preserve the Factory Houses and restore them for adaptive reuse. State Assemblyman Steve Englebright is a strong supporter of this effort, as is Town Councilman Steve Fiore-Rosenfeld. Kudos to our Assemblyman and Councilman!!! The Town's Historic District Advisory Committee recommended that the Town give the houses landmark status.