



December 2009

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Upcoming Events

- TV Historical Society's Candlelight House Tour**
- December 4th & 5th
- Holiday Tree Lighting**
- Dec. 6th 5:00 p.m.
- Stony Brook Village Center
- Electric Holiday Parade**
- Dec. 13th 5:00 p.m.
- Setauket Green - East Setauket Pond Park

2009-2010 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>
December 7 th	Fire District Candidates and Local Dangerous Intersections & Roundabouts	April 5 th	TBD
January 4 th	The Local Real Estate Market	May 3 rd	TBD
February 1 st	Fire Department Issues	June 7 th	Year End Review
March 1 st	TBD		

Roundabouts

At our next meeting we will have a presentation and update on roundabouts, which are properly receiving more popularity. Compared to a signalized intersection, a roundabout is a clear winner. So much so that New York DOT has directed its designers to consider them as a first alternative. Roundabouts are by far the safest at grade intersection, have high capacity/low delay, are good for all modes of traffic (cycles & pedestrians), have geometric flexibility, and finally aesthetics.

The safety advantage is enormous. Roundabouts reduce fatalities by 90-100%. The State of Maryland went from large numbers of fatalities each year at signalized intersections to zero after roundabouts were installed. There were also impressive reductions in other accidents. They estimate that for every dollar spent on Roundabouts, 15 dollars are saved in accident costs.



The Town of Brookhaven has studied intersections in our community and instead of adding traffic lights the division of Traffic Safety is proposing roundabouts at two locations: **Pond Path and Lower Sheep Pasture Road** and at **Bennets Road and Lower Sheep Pasture Road**.

Our Community has an example of a well designed and implemented roundabout on the Stony Brook University Campus: the roundabout is located at the intersection of Circle Drive and Marburger Drive.

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NEXT MEETING:

MONDAY, December 7, 2009

EMMA CLARK LIBRARY, 7:30 P.M.

Fire District Candidates and Roundabouts & Dangerous Intersections in our Community: We hope to have an informative discussion led by board member Don Garber, Town of Brookhaven Supervisor Mark Lesko, Lynn Weyant from the Town of Brookhaven's Traffic Safety Division and Town Councilman Steve Fiore-Rosenfeld. Discussion will include the proposal for Roundabouts at **Pond Path & Lower Sheep Pasture Road** and at **Bennets Road & Lower Sheep Pasture Road**. Please join us in the Community Room of the Emma Clark Library.

Stony Brook Rail Road Station Update



Kara Hahn, President of the Civic Association of the Setaukets and Stony Brook, recently received a phone call from the Long Island Rail Road alerting us to the fact that the renovations to the Station House waiting room and restrooms would begin shortly. The community should expect to see two trailers placed in the parking lot to the West of the station house. One trailer will be heated and will house a temporary waiting room and restrooms; the second trailer will house materials and equipment needed by the workers. The trailers will remain in the parking lot for the duration of the renovations. Additional improvements at the station will include new Shelters, new lighting on the platform and ADA-compliant handrails. The renovations were made possible by a grant from NYS Senator John Flanagan.

Stony Brook Village Looking for 50 ~ 60 ft Norway Spruce

This will be the last year that the wonderful Blue Spruce, which has been the emblem of the holiday season for the Stony Brook community, will be used as its Holiday Tree. The Ward Melville Heritage Organization has announced that the stately 70-foot tree needs to be replaced. Ward Melville began the family tradition some 50 years ago on the Village Green. WMHO has created a "Tree Fund," so they can continue this annual tradition for you and your family. They are currently fundraising and seeking a new 50 - 60 ft Norway Spruce tree and are asking local residents to survey their property for a potential donation replacement tree. Monetary donations would help the WMHO defray the cost of the move which will be tens of thousands of dollars. The WMHO is a 501 (c)(3) corporation. Your donation is fully tax deductible. For details call 631-751-2244.



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