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## Upcoming Events

Thursday, Nov. 29 -

Three Village Community

Trust Fund Raiser

Neighborhood House

7:30 p.m.

New Setauket resident, Dr. Carl Safina, an oceanographer and award-winning author will speak on "How the Oceans are Changing: What it Means for Wildlife and People." The evening will include wine, hors d'oeuvres, dessert, raffles, and a drawing for a Christian White painting. \$30 a person; \$50 a couple- call 631.698.0225.

## Civic Association Meeting Dates

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

Date	Topic	Date	Topic
Monday, December 3	Light Pollution II	Monday, January 7	Real Estate Market
Monday, February 4	TBA	Monday, March 3	TBA
Monday, April 7	TBA	Monday, May 5	TVSD Budget
Monday, June 2	Party/Review		

## Fall Clean Up

There were strong winds and heavy rain on Saturday, November 3. Hurricane Noel was traveling up the coast. But not even a hurricane could stop *The Greening of 25A's 14th Annual Fall Clean Up* at the Stony Brook Rail Road Station. A dedicated group of volunteers worked throughout the morning trimming trees, pruning bushes, removing litter, and sprucing up the landscaped beds. The results are wonderful - just look at the grounds the next time you drive past the station!

A special thanks to our hard working volunteers - Ron Gerry, Herb Mones, John Broven, Norma and Walter Watson, Bill Negra, Robert Reuter, Doug Adams, Todd Freund, John Miyesato, Krystyna Baumgartner, Howard Scarrow, Rowena Scarrow, the Melvin Family, and D. Siedlewicz. Thanks to **Starbucks' of Setauket** for donating the coffee and to **Highway Superintendent John Rouse** who sent the Stony Brook crew of the **Highway Department** to clean the commuter lot on the south side of Route 25A, and pick up the debris collected throughout the day. **Supervisor Brian X. Foley** also dropped by to support the collective efforts of the 'green team.' A very special thanks to Herb Mones who spent countless hours clearing brush and thick vines from the woody area behind the parking lot and to Don and Liz Garber for maintaining the windowboxes at the Station House.



And to all of you reading this- thanks! *The Greening of 25A* appreciates the generous financial support from the members of our community. Over the years, the *Greening of 25A* has been able to purchase and plant over a thousand trees and shrubs in our community.

The *Greening of 25A* is a committee of the Civic Association and is Co-Chaired by Kara Hahn and Pat Hildebrandt.

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## NEXT MEETING:

**MONDAY, December 3, 2007**

**EMMA CLARK LIBRARY, 7:30 P.M.**

### Light Pollution II

On Monday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30PM. We will have Part II of a presentation on Light Pollution.

All are encouraged to join us!!

Join us in the Community Room of the Emma Clark Library. Refreshments will be served!

### Light Pollution II

As most of you know **Light Pollution** refers to the problems caused by the inefficient, annoying or unnecessary use of man-made light. Categories of light pollution include light trespass, over-illumination, glare, clutter, and sky glow. Light pollution adversely affects health, obscures the night sky, interferes with astronomical observatories, wastes energy and disrupts our ecosystems. Since the 1980s, a global movement has emerged, with concerned people campaigning to reduce the amount of light pollution. Last year, our Association hosted an interesting and informative presentation on this important issue. Join us on Monday, December 4 for **Light Pollution- Part II** to learn more about this very real, very serious form of pollution.

### Bike Path Update

The Route 25A Bypass is a 3.3 mile public right-of-way that stretches from Route 25A near the King Kullen Shopping Center in Setauket to Route 112 and Hallock Road near the Blockbuster store in Port Jefferson Station. The New York State Department of Transportation had planned to use this 150 foot corridor to construct a highway in order to bypass the downtown area of East Setauket and Port Jefferson Village.

It was more than a decade ago that our Association advocated that this 150-foot corridor become a greenway. Recently, the New York State Department of Transportation began the bidding process for Phase 1 of the project - the trail section from the train trestle on Gnarled Hollow Road to the new county parkland area (often called the "sand pits area.") We'll keep you informed of the ground breaking ceremony.

### Extraordinary Efforts

A special thanks for the endless hours spent by Cynthia Barnes, Bob deZafra and Ron DiBiase in support of the Community Preservation Fund. These three Board members and community champions are deserving of special kudos for working so hard with the Affiliated Brookhaven Civic Associations (ABCO) for the CPF.

### Help Recycle

Finished reading this issue of the Civic Newsletter? Why not pass it on to a neighbor! Not only will you be educating a friend, but it may help to expand our membership base.

### Something New - Town of Brookhaven's Hotline

Trouble with garbage collection, a pothole, drainage problem? The Town of Brookhaven has instituted a new single phone number system for residents - just call 451-TOWN. Operators are available to answer questions and route calls to the proper departments. And callers are assigned a special case number to help track the problem until it is resolved. This system may bring to an end to the issues of 'phone tag,' 'department bouncing,' and 'desperately seeking answers.'

The Civic association wishes you and your family a happy and safe Holiday Season!