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Upcoming Events

January 15 -

Special

School Board

Election

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, January 7	Real Estate Market	Monday, April 7	TBA
Monday, February 4	County Issues	Monday, May 5	TVSD Budget
Monday, March 3	Town Issues	Monday, June 2	Party/Review

Top Ten New Year Resolutions

Tired of making those old, worn-out resolutions that go unfulfilled each new year, you know - lose weight, eat right, exercise more? Well, why not try the Civic Association's Top Ten Resolution List - you'll get exercise, feed your brain, and maybe even lose those unwanted pounds!

#10 - Reduce light pollution! Evaluate your outside lighting. Direct lighting down, add light shields & timers. Save the environment, wildlife and views of the night sky.

#9 - Make a real effort to cut your energy consumption. Turn down the thermostat, combine shopping trips, turn off unnecessary lighting, etc.

#8 - Recycle...everything. Paper, plastics, metals, electronics and everyday household products need to be taken out of the waste stream & recycled. This takes work, but has real positive results!!

#7 - Freecycle! If you don't want it - donate it. Can't find a "taker?" - Check the web - there are a number of sites (Craig's List is one) that allow you to list "free" products for pick up. A **great work out** - dragging out that old stuff!

#6 - Participate! Want to make great friends, work in productive endeavors? Join the Three Village Historical Society, the Three Village Trust, the Friends of Frank Melville Park, the fire department, Meals-on-Wheels or any other of the many local organizations that **work** to make our community a special place.

#5 - Shop locally! Park your car in one of our area's lots and walk - **yes, walk** - to the many different stores that are in the vicinity. The little extra time it takes to walk will result in great exercise, saves gas, ease wear and tear on the car, and helps the local economy.

#4. - Bike it! Keep your bike 'ready to go' - and ride it to the local stores and sites.

#3 - Slow down!! The #1 community complaint is traffic related issues. Stop speeding. Obey the traffic laws. Save your life and protect our children by **exercising self-control**.

#2 - Turn off the HDTV! This will make it so much easier to **stretch** your time to attend civic meetings, cultural events, evening events, etc.

#1 - Be neighborly - Organize a clean-up of a local park, a Neighborhood Watch, adopt a Road, help an elderly neighbor. Increase your local involvement and see immediate change.

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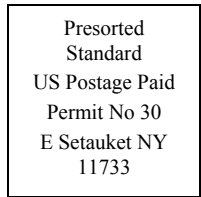
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NEXT MEETING:

MONDAY, January 7, 2008

EMMA CLARK LIBRARY, 7:30 P.M.

Location, Location, Location

Sub-prime lending crisis, reverse mortgages, market fluctuations, property taxes, re-sale values – the current real estate market has everyone talking!! Our Annual Real Estate Information Session is one of our most popular meetings. It updates us on our most important investment – our home, and gives us the opportunity to hear from local experts. Real estate agents and mortgage brokers will give us the “real estate scoop.” All are encouraged to join us!! Refreshments will be served!

A New Year Message

The Executive Board would like to wish you and your family a Happy New Year. Living in the Three Villages is a very special experience! We have wonderful museums, parks, beaches, shops and schools. Throughout the year there are unique local events that draw thousands of visitors. Our community blends the charm of a New England Village with the exciting opportunities of a modern urban center.

With the end of one year and the start of another, it is important to reflect and remember the many “giants of the community” who, over the years, fought to protect and preserve our environment, resources and “sense of place.” The names of these people can be found on this area’s past, present and future volunteer boards and membership rolls. Now, with the New Year, make a personal commitment to “get involved” and contribute to the Three Villages.

More Extraordinary Efforts

Last month, we noted the extraordinary efforts of **Cynthia Barnes, Bob deZafra and Ron DiBiase** in their support of the Community Preservation Fund. These three Board members are deserving of special kudos for working so hard with the Affiliated Brookhaven Civic Associations (ABCO) for the voter approval of the CPF. As most of you know, the ballot initiative for the CPF did not pass. While we could spend endless hours debating the reasons for the failure of the CPF, it is more important to discuss how to support the future public funding of land purchases. Most of our true “civic emergencies” revolve around preserving and protecting our remaining open space, wetlands, forested areas and historical sites. Will there be any local public funds to buy and protect these sites? There is an immediate need for government officials and civic leaders to create a new “Community Fund” that will protect the environment *and* satisfy the needs of the voters. This effort will take an even greater extraordinary effort.

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.