

**Greenlawn Civic Association**  
**September 7, 2017 @ 7:00 PM**  
**Harborfields Public Library – Community Meeting Room**

1. Pledge of Allegiance, Introductions, and Comments
2. Officers' Reports: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Member-at-Large
  - a. President – 2<sup>nd</sup> precinct to help with GCA Halloween on Broadway; pedestrian signs are supposed to be put down soon but will be picked up November 1; fair on 9/24 at Greenlawn Farms shopping center
  - b. VP – GCA purchased sound system with Friends of the Library/need a point person for lending it out and setting up contract
  - c. Secretary – need volunteers for Longest Table (sell raffle tickets and take photos)
  - d. Member at Large – Harborfields High School has an industry advisory board looking for people/business members to be mentors; please consider joining Friends of the Library \$20/year; Dick and Jane attended police meeting - things have been quiet except for recent vandalism at two Chinese restaurants; 2<sup>nd</sup> precinct moved crime camera from South Greenlawn to another high-needs area; lock your cars
  - e. Treasurer – committees should submit budgets of anticipated expenses ASAP
3. New Business
  - a. Professor Henry Bokuniewicz (water quality)
    - i. Professor of Oceanography, also a geologist; 25 years of Groundwater Research Institute
    - ii. Every community on LI really gets its water from right under the ground (importance of local stewardship)
    - iii. Greenlawn has 13 wells
    - iv. Contamination doesn't necessarily mean something just happened, the contamination could have occurred 100 years ago and we are just now accessing that water
    - v. Groundwater only moves an inch a day and tends to move through the sand in streams so that helps control and limit contamination
    - vi. Water suppliers are required to distribute or publish water quality reports
    - vii. Things like lead and copper that appear are really coming from our plumbing; some elements are naturally occurring from the sand and gravel
    - viii. Nitrate is of concern (one report of 8 when 10 is the max allowable); that is something we are responsible for from fertilizer and septic systems
    - ix. VOCs are manmade from gas stations, dry cleaners, household cleaning products, etc.
    - x. Radioactive uranium occurs naturally in the aquifer

- xi. Unregulated contaminants 1,4 dioxane receiving media attention – it's a dangerous substance but the levels are low. There is no standard yet for it and there are no good ways to treat it. Prevalent from products like shampoo.
  - xii. Question – Why did Greenlawn add chlorine to its water? Chlorination is added to protect the water from contaminants in the plumbing
  - xiii. Question – what happens to our treated sewage? Thick layer of sand and gravel (100 ft) between septic system and water table. Sand and gravel act as filters. Treatment plants (like in Northport and Huntington) will treat the sewage and then send it offshore. Some places in Nassau County put it back into the ground.
  - xiv. Question – Our septic systems don't treat nitrate well – is getting a new one worth it? If your system is properly maintained there isn't really a problem. When houses are close to the water table there are more issues. Newer systems are doing a better job but are much more expensive, take up more space, and some require power to run.
  - xv. Question – Would you drink Greenlawn water or bottled? Greenlawn! Bottled water has different contaminants (plastic)
  - xvi. Question – With all the rainfall, the beaches were closed constantly. Is that then going into the groundwater? Beach closures are not due to groundwater, but surface water.
  - xvii. Question – How old is our distribution system in Greenlawn? (Flint example). Leeching isn't so much from the pumping but from the pipes in your house. You can run the water in your house for a few minutes to help flush that out.
  - xviii. Filters that you put on your tap are not effective for everything, but you HAVE to maintain them. (Change the filters or else it gets filled and starts putting the contaminants back in.)
  - xix. Question – Is it true that in the heat the plastic leeches more? If you can leave the water in your fridge open it helps the chlorine off-gas.
  - xx. Question – Because of our high density and our rainfall and we get closer to the water table, will the contaminants be more of a problem?
  - xxi. Question – In new construction with PEX piping being used, is that better than the copper? PEX is more resistant to leeching but they still leech.
- b. Susan Matthews (request for funding for landscaping) – tabled for next meeting

#### 4. Committee Reports

- a. Membership – reusable shopping bags are in and are now \$10
- b. Beautification – TOH has been watering baskets, coming down September 15; street planters will stay for now, could use help watering; have volunteers helping to take down baskets and get planters off the street; cabbage and pansies for winter? Maggie's Garden is thriving and still in talks with Maggie's mom about plaque and/or sculpture; do we want to go bigger on the wreaths?
- c. Fundraising & Grants/Events -

- i. Taste of Harborfields at OMS on 6/13 at 6:30pm – GCA will have a table and be serving food from Grecian Corner Café
  - ii. Trivia Night on the Tuesday before Thanksgiving
  - iii. Pink Aid fundraiser at The Look for October (they should do that at Community Day); would like to reach out to HS teams
  - iv. How could we do a fundraiser to “sponsor a wreath”?
- d. Outreach – 2<sup>nd</sup> precinct will have a police car with COPE, asked to have k-9 and they will work on it; fundraised nearly \$1000 with lemonade stands; pushing for food vendors and sponsorships; State Farm and Kiddie Academy donated generously; still need community groups to run kids’ activities; need groups to commit online; next meeting is Monday, 9/11 @ 7:30pm and meeting weekly after that.
  - e. Preservation – Linda Bokuniewicz has volunteered to help with Tri-Village playground project
  - f. Traffic & Safety – no report
  - g. Business – met with Katerina for GCA Halloween on 10/31 from 3pm-7pm; going to get a fire truck, may need more volunteers to help with crossing street; getting an app together to find which stores are participating

#### 5. Community Participation

- a. Jennifer from Assemblymen Eugene Cook’s office – 9/12 at 7pm Men’s Health Seminar at Town Hall with panelists from Huntington Hospital
- b. Walter – how about one wreath on each light instead of two? Reiterated grants info. Hope to get money from Senator Marcellino’s office to help us be eligible for money for additional antique lights.

#### 6. Next Meeting:

- a. Tuesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 7pm in the SMALL MEETING ROOM

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#### **Upcoming Events:**

9/1-9/30 School Snack Drive  
 9/16 The Longest Table (rain date 9/23)  
 9/27 Library Volunteer Fair 4pm-6:30pm  
 10/3 GCA October Meeting  
 10/31 GCA Halloween Event  
 10/14 Community Day @ Coral Park