

Woodland Civic Association, Inc.



Celebrating our 60th Anniversary

Here are some of the important issues the Woodland Civic Association has been following:

WATER USAGE RATE INCREASE - On March 21st we attended a meeting held by the Town of Babylon, which administers the East Farmingdale Water District, to discuss pending rate increases for our water usage and the reasons behind the increases. The proposed rates will take effect on July 1st of this year. We also questioned whether the East Farmingdale Water District or the Suffolk County Water Authority is responsible for maintaining the water tank behind Adventureland. Rate information can be found on our website.

CHANGE IN TRAFFIC PATTERN ON MELVILLE ROAD - There was a proposal sent to us by the Town of Babylon with the intention of moving the access roads to SUNY Farmingdale. This would include a change to the entrance to the University Shops, and installation of a traffic light. A diagram can be found on our website.

BROAD HOLLOW COMMONS - We attended another meeting on March 29th to discuss the proposed usage of the property that is located on the southwest corner of Route 110 and Conklin Street. This is the location where the original Stew Leonard's store was supposed to be built. We met with the developer, who intends retail use of the lot, with stores and restaurants to be constructed there. We have some questions about the traffic in front of the fire house, possible installation of additional traffic lights that could impact traffic at the intersection, and the type of shops that would be included. A diagram can be found on our website.

HAMPTONS WEST DEMOLITION - Our board members have been requesting the demolition of this blighted building for years. During our meeting to discuss the water rates, we got another opportunity to make a face-to-face request. We were subsequently informed that the planned demolition would be expedited. Later that week we were pleased to see that the demolition had finally begun, and the lot, next to the fire house on Melville Road, is now clear.

NEW MANAGEMENT AT REPUBLIC AIRPORT - A new company, AvPorts, has won a bid to run the daily operations at Republic Airport. We attend the Airport Commission meetings on a regular basis. These meetings are open to the public and all are welcome to attend. The next meeting will be June 7th at 7:00 p.m. in the Republic Airport Administration Building off Route 110. We are also following closely the Governor's comments to run commercial operations out of Republic. Our civic association is working with other associations in the area to defeat this potential usage. **If you hear loud aircraft overhead, please call the airport complaint number 631-752-7707, option #4.**

This will be our last paper update, but we will continue to keep everyone informed about current issues by e-mail and on our website. **If you would like to be kept up to date on issues affecting your neighborhood and potentially your property values, please send your e-mail address to woodlandcivicasoc@gmail.com so we can contact you.** If you do not have an e-mail account, we would be happy to deliver a hard copy of our e-mails to your address. Just drop us a note at 18 Hawthorne St., Farmingdale, NY 11735. Our website is www.woodlandcivicasoc.com.