

December Meeting: NYS AG to Discuss ID Theft

Representatives from the office of the Attorney General of New York State will be at the Civic's General Membership Meeting on Thursday, December 11th, to discuss how consumers can protect themselves from identity theft.

Identity theft is the unlawful use of an individual's personal identification information. Identity thieves steal information such as your name, social security number, driver's license information, or bank and credit card accounts and use the information to establish credit, make purchases, apply for loans or even seek employment.

You may be careful about locking your doors and windows, and keeping your personal papers in a secure place. But, depending on what you use your personal computer for, an identity thief may not need to set foot in your house to steal your personal information.

Learn more at our meeting on December 11th.

Precinct Commanding Officers Meet with Civic Members

The Commanding Officers from the two precincts that serve the area around Lake Ronkonkoma were our guest speakers at the Civic's Meeting in November. Inspector James Rhoads, Commanding Officer of the 4th Precinct, and Inspector Frank Stallone, Commanding Officer of the 6th Precinct, answered members' questions about police activity in our area, crime, and crime prevention, such as the Neighborhood Watch program (see below).

Suffolk County Legislators Brian Beedenbender and John Kennedy were also in attendance. Legislator Kennedy informed us that the County is proceeding with the appraisal of the Bavarian Inn property, and according to Legislator Beedenbender the Portion Road Renovation Project will be starting in the spring of 2009.

Don't Wait for Crime - Watch for it Now

The Civic recently assisted a local neighborhood in establishing a Neighborhood Watch program through the Suffolk County Police Department, and we can do the same for your neighborhood. The Neighborhood Watch program has proven to be a successful method of reducing the risk of crime. But don't wait until your neighborhood has problems to participate; establishing a Neighborhood Watch now can prevent those problems from occurring.

Working together with Suffolk County Police, neighbors learn how to safeguard each other's homes by observing and reporting. By observing and reporting any suspicious circumstance, neighborhoods actually increase their own safety.

Police cannot fight crime they do not know about. When alert citizens keep them informed, the police are far more effective against crime, and citizens have better protection and safer neighborhoods.

Interested in participating? Contact the Civic President at 580-4572 or president@lakeronkonkomacivic.org.

Attention High School Seniors

The Lake Ronkonkoma Civic Organization is pleased to announce that we are offering a \$500 scholarship to any January or June 2009 graduating senior from Sachem North High School who plans to attend college. The application and activities verification packet can be picked up in the Sachem North High School Guidance Office. A 500-word essay is required; contents and grammar will be considered. Outstanding finalists will be invited to appear for an interview. The essay should include details of any participation in volunteer work, as well as community activities. If you have any questions, contact Patricia Duffield at 588-5869. Good luck to all who apply!

Upcoming Events

Sunday, December 7
4:00 PM

Ronkonkoma Chamber
Holiday Tree Lighting at
Raynor Beach Park
Ronkonkoma Avenue
Details on reverse.

Thursday, December 11
7:30 PM

Lake Ronkonkoma Civic
General Membership
Meeting
American Legion Hall
115 Church Street
Lake Ronkonkoma

Sunday, December 21
Happy Hanukkah

Thursday, December 25
Merry Christmas

Thursday, January 1



Saturday, January 3
9:00 AM

Portion Road & Hawkins
Avenue Clean Ups
Weather Permitting
*We meet in the parking lot at
the southwest corner of the
intersection of Portion Road
and Holbrook Road.
For more information, contact
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About Our Newsletter

In 1976 Ronkonkoma resident Ann Farnum Curtis wrote a history of Lake Ronkonkoma titled *Three Waves*.

The First Wave was the influx of the wealthy and famous in the late 1800's. The Second Wave, between 1900 and 1940, occurred with the creation of the summer resort community. The permanent residents arriving after World War II created the Third Wave.

The Fourth Wave is the current revitalization and renaissance of Lake Ronkonkoma.

Christmas Tree Lighting at Raynor Beach Park

The Ronkonkoma Chamber of Commerce will hold their annual Christmas Tree Lighting at Raynor Beach Park on Sunday December 7th at 4:00 PM.

Santa will be arriving on the Ronkonkoma Fire Truck with gifts and candy canes for all the children.

All are welcome to join their voices with the Community Carolers and have a photo taken with Santa!

Missing Your Brookhaven Gov't Access TV?

For all Cablevision customers who have no cable box, there is an offer of a FREE set top PEG Access box. The PEG box will only allow access to Brookhaven Government access channels 18 and 20, which were lost by some residents when Cablevision changed to a digital signal. **This offer expires December 31, 2008.** The term of the offer is for as long as the customer remains a Cablevision customer. Cablevision will deliver and install the boxes at no charge.

Here's what to do:

1. Call 1-800-353-9821
2. Wait for the prompt. Select Option 3.
3. Wait for the prompt. Select Option 1 for English, or Option 2 for Spanish.
4. Wait for the prompt. Select 2 for Appointment.
5. Wait for the prompt. Select 1 and HOLD for a live operator who will set up the service call.

About Our Organization

The **Lake Ronkonkoma Civic Organization** is a non-profit group of volunteers and concerned citizens whose mission is to improve the quality of life in Lake Ronkonkoma and neighboring areas. A main focus of the group is to enhance the safety of Portion Road and promote efficient roadway and land use designs, which will reduce congestion long-term and encourage a diversity of transportation options throughout the communities of Farmingville and Lake Ronkonkoma. The Civic advocates for a road plan that promotes small businesses and is accessible for all users.

We're on the Web! See us at **www.LakeRonkonkomaCivic.org**

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*Never doubt that
a small group of
thoughtful
committed
citizens can
change the world.*

*Indeed, it is the
only thing that
ever has.*

Margaret Mead

