## Strong's Neck Civic Association

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## May 2017 Newsletter

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Bi-Annual Meeting This Tuesday, May 16, 2017 at 7 PM at Setauket Neighborhood House

Join Us Tuesday: There will be an important information presentation on NYS DEC's Land Acquisitions on Strong's Neck, the planting of the field at the pillars and possible sale of another 2.17 acre site. Please come and ask questions and learn about your neighbors sentiments. The SNCA Board needs to hear your views in order to best represent you.

Refreshments Will Be Served

---Look for the Sign at the Pillars---

# Possible NYS DEC Acquisition of 2.17 acre Residence Adjacent to the Strong's Neck Pillars

Two years ago NYS DEC purchased a residence and land adjacent to the north-east SN's pillar. DEC planted that site on May 4th & 5th. This site was a 1.17acre acquisition at the entrance to our community that is well known to SN residents as there has been much discussion about its intended use. Now the SNCA Board has learned that the 2.17acre parcel at 40 Dyke Road may go the same way. The parcel of land which has direct frontage on Conscience Bay consists of an off-white brick home and a garage It is just South of the Conscience Bay-side pillar; it is adjacent to current NYSDEC owned land. Residents who want to see the property in question should look for the "Shawn Elliott Real Estate" sign near the pillars on Dyke Road. To view it on-line you can go to Zillow.com and search by address or MLS # 2837690. Please come to the meeting on Tuesday to voice your opinion and hear what your neighbors have to say. Join us to discuss this issue on this Tuesday, May 16th at 7pm at the Neighborhood House.

### Setauket Harbor Waters Continued Study Planned

The Setauket Harbor Task Force held a meeting on April 19th at the Setauket Neighborhood House to update the community on the health of the harbor and talk about the next-steps the task force has planned. Work on the cleanliness of Setauket Harbor waters is a joint effort of Setauket Harbor Task Force-Cornell Cooperative Extension-Town of Brookhaven. Lorne Brousseau, marine director at

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Cornell reported that his agency collected 234 water samples at numerous stations on the out-going tide over 3 month period in the Fall. The findings show that Setauket Harbor will remain closed to shell fishing. DNA analysis of pathogens in Setauket Harbor revealed that the biggest impact on the number of coliform in the water comes from four sources, in this order: birds, human-derived fecal coliform, deer and racoon and other wildlife and domestic animals ("a few dogs and one horse"). Formation of a Citizen Scientist Water Testing Program is planned. The Setauket Harbor Task Force will use funds from a \$1M state grant to fund water quality improvements in Setauket Harbor and its watershed.

#### Keep Strong's Neck Landscape Beautiful

As we move through the Spring and Summer residents should keep their eyes posted for any trash you see accumulated along area roadways, especially on high traffic streets like Maple and Dyke Roads. We have a lot of "community" land that we all enjoy. It takes all of us to do our part to ensure SN remains pristine. You will see the SNCA's sign out at the pillars asking that you pick up trash as you bike, walk or drive around. Thank you, in advance, to all those who help in this effort.

New SNCA Officers and Board (until May '18). The following officers and directors are proposed: Denise Cronin Kerby, President; Don Strong, VP; Gloria Casino, Secretary; Steve Coccaro, Treas. Directors: Dan Diers, Alison Galeotafiore, Ann Strong, Margo Arceri, Harry Jansen, Beth Boonin (website).

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