

Belmont Lake

# Civic Association

P.O. Box 2033 \* N. Babylon, NY 11703

December 2016

## Season's Greetings To All . . .

### Join Us!

### Tuesday, December 20, 2016

Bring your  
favorite dish &  
share your  
Holiday Spirit with  
your neighbors!

**BLCA Holiday Celebration**  
Peter J. Brennan Conference Room

7:30 pm.

## Message from the President



Greetings to All, The Belmont Lake Civic Association Executive Board and Trustees would like to thank you, and extend to its membership and to the residents of this community, a Joyful, and Blessed Season's Greetings.

During the last six years the Executive Board of the BLCA has tried to address the issues of importance to our members and community residents our efforts were based on feedback we received from you. 2016 has been a busy year for our Civic, we addressed the issues that community residents requested.

The Civic was able to advance the following projects . . .

1. Gas Connections for homeowners (*National Grid*) . . .
2. Due to the hard work of our Environmental Committee, under the chairmanship of Mr. Henry Johnson and Mr. Chet Howard, our Community was one of three chosen to receive Sewers in the near future . . .
3. EDUCATION - under the guidance of Mrs. Ruby Hudson, and Ms. Denise Leary Co-Chairs of the Education Committee, have done a wonderful job by keeping the Belmont Lake Civic Association educational issues on the North Babylon School District table

. . . 4. Ms. Denise Leary will be reaching out to the Suffolk County Board of Election, to address the issue of why our Community residents must go to Wyandanch to Vote.

The Belmont Lake Civic Association's Executive Board, and Trustees have always made it our priority to address the needs and concerns of our members and residents. We will stay on the course that we have set-forth to ensure that our issues and concerns are always on the table.

As always I must remind you that BLCA strength lies in its membership, to that end the Civic has established a new web-Site. If you visit this site you will be able to join the BLCA. Again thank you for your support throughout the years.

As Always, Yours In the Struggle . . . Enjoy your Holidays!

*John Simpkins*

John H. Simpkins Jr.

*This community newsletter is published once a month.  
The deadline for submissions is the 1st of each month.  
Please note submitted materials will be included as space permits.*

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# Education

by Ruby Hudson

**BLCA Scholarship . . .** The Belmont Civic Association's Scholarship Application, for a qualified High School Senior is now available. Applicant's families must have been financial members of the Civic for the past three consecutive years. The applicant must demonstrate academic success in school, as well as involvement in extra-curricular activities. Applicants will need to provide an acceptance letter (*or letters*) to their college of choice, along with their high school transcript and SAT or ACT information. They need to speak with Ruby Hudson, Denise Leary or any member of the Civic association to obtain an application. Applications will also be available on January 3, 2017 and are due Saturday, April 1, 2017.

### 2017 North Babylon Board of Ed Meeting Dates to Remember

All Meetings are on Thursdays at 8 PM at Robert Moses Middle School.

December 15	April 20
January 19	May 17 (Tuesday - School Budget Vote)
February 16	June 15
March 23	

*Let your voice be heard. It is important that they see representation from parents and students across North Babylon.*

### 2017 Civic Meeting Dates to Remember

All meetings are on Tuesdays at 7:30 PM at Peter J. Brennan School

January 17	April 18
February 28	May 16
March 21	June 20

Tuesday, December 20 at 7 PM is the High School Winter Concert.

*Happy Holidays!*



Join the "BLCA Bowlers"...

**Saturday, January 14, 2017**

@ 7:00 pm (Sharp)

**AMF Bowling Lanes**

(South Service Rd. - East of Rte. 109, West Babylon)



- Celebrating its 48th anniversary, Kwanzaa is a week-long celebration of African culture and heritage. Kwanzaa begins the day after Christmas and continues for seven days. Seven is a significant figure with respect to Kwanzaa. In addition to being seven days long, Kwanzaa also focuses on the seven principles. The seven principles are meant to reinforce seven basic values of African culture, which the holiday's celebrants feel contribute to building and reinforcing family, community and culture among Africans all over the world, including African Americans. The following are the Seven Principles of Kwanzaa and what each illustrate.

**Unity (Umoja)** This principle encourages celebrants to strive for and maintain unity within their family, their community and their race.

**Self-Determination (Kujichagulia)** This principle encourages celebrants to define themselves, name themselves, create for themselves and speak for themselves.

**Collective Work and Responsibility (Ujima)** This principle encourages celebrants to build and maintain their community and work to solve their collective and individual problems together.

**Cooperative Economics (Ujamaa)** This principal encourages celebrants to build and maintain their stores, shops and additional businesses and profit from these various enterprises success together.

**Purpose (Nia)** This principal encourages celebrants to make it their collective goal to build and develop their community in an effort to restore their people to greatness.

**Creativity (Kuumba)** This principle encourages celebrants to leave their community in better shape than they found it.

**Faith (Imani)** This principal encourages celebrants to remain faithful in their people, parents, teacher, leaders and the righteousness of their cause.

*The Executive Board and members of the Belmont Lake Civic Association wish you and yours a safe and . . .*



Members of the Belmont Lake Civic Association attend the National Coalition of 100 Black Women - Long Island Chapter, Inc.'s Kwanzaa Celebration at the Milton L. Olive Middle School in Wyandanch... (l. to r.) Mrs. Patricia Hill Williams, Trustees Tory T. Hare and Sadie Mahoney.