



# NEWS OF THE NECK

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## **2010 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE:**

In the near future all households on Great Neck will be receiving the 2010 AGN membership application and return envelope. A basic annual membership is \$30 and a "Golden Swan" annual donation, which includes a special beach sticker, is \$100. Your AGN membership provides you with parking access at Clark Beach during the summer season. Your membership dues allow us to maintain and improve the various properties on Great Neck, which are owned by the Association of Great Neck. We appreciate your past support and request both your continued financial and volunteer participation in 2010. Our membership goal for 2010 is to have all households on the Neck be members of AGN.

## **UPDATING THE AGN BYLAWS**

The **existing AGN Bylaws** are posted on the AGN website. [www.associationofgreatneck.org](http://www.associationofgreatneck.org)

When reading the AGN Bylaws, originally adopted on July 16, 1975, you will find a document that describes the essence of the organization but a document that is dated and not consistent with the current operations. As announced at the 2009 Annual Meeting, the Executive Board has decided to update the Bylaws by creating a new Constitution and Bylaws that will be voted on at the 2010 Annual Meeting.

The Constitution will be a concise statement containing the important framework of the organization. The Bylaws will describe the daily working procedures and processes of the organization. Bylaws will be easier to change requiring only a simple majority vote, while changing the Constitution will require a 2/3 or greater vote.

The Executive Board has compiled a draft, which is currently under legal review. The final draft will be posted on the AGN website in March with a "Constitutional Convention" being anticipated at a convenient location to be determined. This schedule will allow AGN members to review and have input to the Constitution and Bylaws before they are finalized and presented for adoption at the Annual Meeting, which in 2010 will be held in June.

When reviewing the draft Constitution and Bylaws you will see that everything that is current and relevant in the existing Bylaws has been incorporated into the Constitution and Bylaws. The major changes or additions include changing the start of the fiscal year from September 1<sup>st</sup> to June 1<sup>st</sup> and moving the Annual meeting from June to May. These changes will synchronize the April/May membership campaign with the fiscal year. The dues collected in April or May will apply to the fiscal year beginning in June. You are encouraged to review the draft and please contact any Board Member with comments or questions.

## **RECAP 2009 TURKEY TUNE UP ROAD RACE**

The 2009 Race/Walk was very successful. This year's event contributed more to the Scholarship Fund than any recent year's Tune Up. When you mix together great weather, a good turn out of participants and volunteers, and generous sponsors what else would you anticipate? A

special thanks to Scott Coles for coordinating race day events. **Our Tune Up sponsors** are important and we ask that you consider them when choosing a service provider. This year's sponsors were: **Century 21 Ipswich Bay Associates** **Ebsco** **Gulde Insurance** **Donald Greenough; Attorney** **Tetreault Jewelers** **Windhill Realty LLC** **Institution for Savings** **Ipswich Ford** **Ipswich Bottle Shop** **Ipswich Investment Management**

For 2010 Tune Up, we are considering adding a shorter Race/Walk for children. Look for an event announcement in the Fall.



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## FOURTH ANNUAL NECK CLEAN-UP--2010

The Fourth Annual Great Neck Clean-Up, sponsored by the Association of Great Neck, will be held on **Saturday April 24 from 9AM-Noon**, rain or shine. This year, once again, we'll clean up North Ridge Rd, Clark Rd, Little Neck Rd and Clark Beach. Please bring your own work gloves and implements to retrieve trash from the brush. Large plastic bags courtesy of the Ipswich DPW will be available. We'll start and end at Pavilion Beach. Coffee and doughnuts will be provided. Jack Marlowe originated this event in 2007, and AGN continues it in his memory. Jack's love for and dedication to Great Neck was obvious. He worked tirelessly to improve and beautify this special part of Ipswich. Let's make this a fun-filled, worthwhile event.

For information or to volunteer, please **call Barbara Russell at 356-7413**

## AGN SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

The AGN offers a scholarship/scholarships to a graduating high school senior(s). The student's family must be a current member of AGN and they must reside on Great Neck. Ipswich High School students are requested to apply for this scholarship at the Ipswich High School and students attending schools outside of Ipswich should contact **Pam Ryan at 978-356-5241** for an application. Applications are due by April 30<sup>th</sup> and scholarships are awarded by the date of graduation. Funding for the scholarship is generated by a number of fundraising activities including the annual Turkey Tune-up road race and the Art by the Sea show and sale.

## WELCOME TO GREAT NECK TRIANGLE DECORATION

The Triangle is covered with snow as this article is being written but it was in fine form through the New Year's holiday. All of the tree lights, holiday wreaths and decorative treatments on the Triangle were donated by Santa Steve Calef of Corliss Brothers. . The Triangle never looked better and we want to say thank you again to Steve for his generosity and tasteful design

## MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

Your AGN Board meets on the first Tuesday of every month at a Board member's home. Our meetings start at 7PM. We work from a written agenda developed prior to every meeting. Our meetings are an open forum and any current member of AGN is welcome to attend. If you have a specific issue that you would like to present to the Board, please feel free to contact any Board member to get your item on the monthly agenda. Listed below are the names and phone numbers of the current AGN Board.

Joe Quinn, President-356-5035, Bill Callahan, VicePresident-356-8653, Dick Fates, Treasurer-312-1150, Jean Emerson, Secretary; -356-2426, Matt Borden, 356-2475, Sandy Colby, 356-3986, Mary Coles, 356-7836, Bill Fabri, 356-4626, Joan O'Flynn, 356-4460, Barbara Russell, 356-7413, Pam Ryan, 356-5241

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