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A Newsletter for the Uniondale Community

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Senior Councilwoman Dorothy Goosby

Special Guest at the Uniondale Community Council Meeting – January 24th

Senior Councilwoman Goosby has long been recognized as a pioneer in the fight for equal rights. She has represented District 1 on the Town of Hempstead Board for over 20 years, first having been elected in the fall of 1999. In August, 1988, she filed a lawsuit against the Town, *Goosby v. Town Board of the Town of Hempstead*, challenging the Town's at-large system for electing members of the Board. As the plaintiff, she argued that the system violated the US Voting Rights Act as all six members of the Board lived in predominately white neighborhoods while at the time 13% of the town population was black or Latino. The non-white residents had no representation on the Board and there was virtually no chance of ever electing a minority member.



Senior Councilwoman Goosby with UCC Board Members at a summer Cookout several years ago.

The case went through the court system in New York and in July 1996 the case entered the U.S. District Court, Eastern District of New York. In 1997, the court ruled in favor of the plaintiff and the Town appealed the decision. In June 1999, in an unanimous decision, the US Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit upheld the decision of the District Court. In January 2000, the US Supreme Court declined to review the case.

Goosby was elected to a one-year term in November 1999, the first African-American woman and one of few Democrats to serve on the TOH Board. After the court decision, the Town restructured the Board, establishing geographic districts. In November 2001, Councilwoman Goosby ran for the seat in District 1, which includes Uniondale, and was elected for a four-year term. This past November, she was elected to a sixth four-year term, a Town record she holds along with being the current senior member of the Board.

In March of 2020, the Town voted to name the Town Hall Plaza in Dorothy Goosby's honor. The COVID-19 pandemic put a hold on that officially taking place. In October 2021, the Town of Hempstead held a reception recognizing her years of service and formally renaming the plaza, the Senior Councilwoman Dorothy L. Goosby Plaza.

Join the UCC, at Monday's meeting, in thanking and congratulating the Senior Councilwoman. (Source: Hofstra University Library)



Uniondale Community Council Meeting

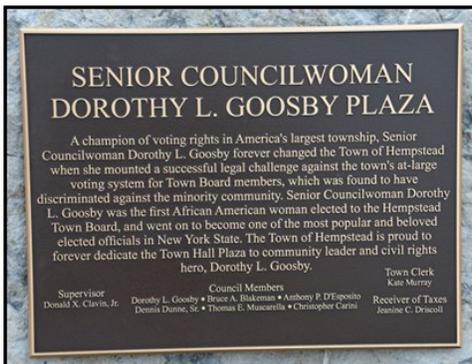
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Of Note:

- 1999-First Elected to Represent District 1
- 2020-Town Hall Plaza Named in Her Honor
- 2021-Honored for 20+ Years on Council and Plaza Officially Dedicated
- 2021-Re-elected



ZOOM Meeting —January 24, 2022—7:00pm

Links to the Zoom meeting will be emailed shortly.

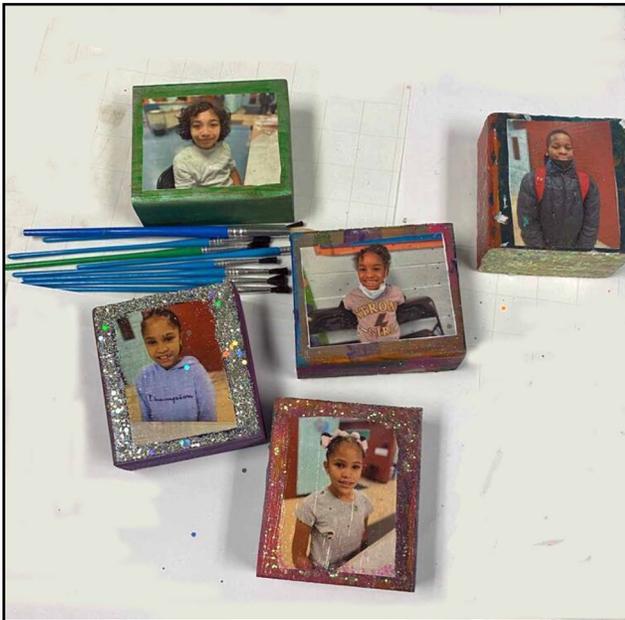
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Youth Project

The basketball program continues to attract a large number of participants. Held at each of the two Middle Schools two nights each week, the program provides teens with wholesome activities four nights a week!

The after-school programs at Northern Parkway and Lawrence Road are functioning but have been impacted by COVID restrictions such as student quarantines and school closures due to staff absences.



Recent Project

Free at home-COVID test kits

As of January 19th, the tests are available and can be ordered and delivered through the US Postal System.

Residential households in the U.S. can order one set of 4 free at-home tests from USPS.com. The limit is ONE order per household; order contains 4 individual rapid antigen COVID-19 tests

Place orders online at:

[HTTPS://special.usps.com/testkit](https://special.usps.com/testkit)

Unondale Community Council Meetings

Monday, January 24, 2022

7:00pm via ZOOM

Community Update

Special Guest

Senior Councilwoman

Dorothy Goosby

Complimentary Raffle

No February Meeting

Free N95 Masks Are Coming

Recently, President Biden announced a nationwide distribution of 400 million N95 masks. The masks will come from the federal government's Strategic National Stockpile.

Information released by the White House on January 20 (last Thursday) indicated that shipment of the masks will begin early this coming week and distribution should begin by the end of the week.

The masks will be available for pickup at pharmacies and community health centers across the country with a limited to three masks per person.

The White House has also established an on-line website where you may order 4 free at-home COVID test kits.(See article at right).

Place orders: <https://www.covidtests.gov/>

Monthly Raffle

Our monthly raffle has proven to be a fun and popular agenda item. Join us on January 24th and remain to the end of the meeting for the raffle.

You may be a winner! Donations of Raffle Prizes Are Welcome.

Martin Luther King, Jr.

Holiday— Monday, January 17th

On Monday, January 17th, the people of the United States celebrated the life and deeds of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr. King was the pastor of the Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta, Georgia; the first president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference; the recipient of the 1964 Nobel Peace Prize; and a Civil Rights Movement activist. King is best known for advancing civil rights through nonviolence and civil disobedience.

Media coverage of the holiday and Dr. King's activism typically concentrates on his "Letter from Birmingham Jail" and the 1963 "I Have a Dream" speech given at the March on Washington.

However, there are many significant quotes credited to Dr. King. We offer some of these for your consideration as they are also attributable to recent events in our American society and the impact of those events on the historical record of the country.

"We must learn to live together as brothers or perish together as fools."

"We may have all come on different ships, but we're in the same boat now."

"If I cannot do great things, I can do small things in a great way."

"Returning violence for violence multiplies violence, adding deeper darkness to a night already devoid of stars."

"Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that."

"Nothing in the world is more dangerous than sincere ignorance and conscientious stupidity."

"Love is the most durable power in the world. This creative force is the most potent instrument available in mankind's quest for peace and security."

"Everybody can be great...because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love."

"The time is always the right time to do the right thing."

NOTE: The above article is reprinted from the

January 2021 issue of this "community" newsletter. However, given the 2022 political environment, especially the efforts of so many to suppress voting rights, we have added a few more of Dr. King's quotes for you to consider.

"Voting is the foundation stone for political action."

"Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter."

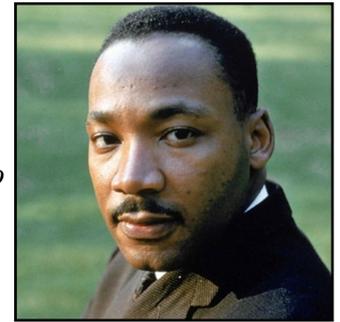
"A nation that continues year after year to spend more money on military defense than on programs of social uplift is approaching spiritual doom."

"The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of

comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy."

"President Lyndon Johnson's high spirits were marked as he circulated among the many guests whom he had invited to witness an event he confidently felt to be historic, the signing of the 1965 Voting Rights Act.... The bill that lay on the polished mahogany desk was born in violence in Selma, Alabama, where a stubborn sheriff... had stumbled against the future."

"Change does not roll in on the wheels of inevitability, but comes through continuous struggle. And so we must straighten our backs and work for our freedom. A man can't ride you unless your back is bent."



Sculpture above is placed in the Martin Luther King, Jr. Peace Park on the corner of Uniondale Ave. and Nassau Rd. in Uniondale.

Long Island Holds a FIRST Peace Week'

S.T.R.O.N.G Supports Peace Week with a Candlelight Vigil!

In 2022, New York City held its 12th Annual New York Peace Week. The week-long event takes place between January 15th and January 22nd in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s legacy of non-violence.

“Hosted by LIFE Camp and the City of New York, the goal of Peace Week is to create a culture of peace throughout our City by hosting events, performing activities or encouraging personal actions toward creating inner peace and setting a positive example for our young people.”

The organizers provided a week of a visual social media campaign encompassing cultural and artistic segments designed to bring New Yorkers together. They also encouraged individuals and groups to plan their own Peace Week events.

This year, the Peace Week concept was embraced by Long Island. The week's events were kicked off on Saturday, January 15th with Chess for Peace in Hempstead, where adults taught young people to play chess, and Skate for Peace at a skating rink in Shirley.

In Uniondale, the S.T.R.O.N.G chapter held a candlelight vigil at 6:00pm Thursday, January 20th. “S.T.R.O.N.G. Youth, Inc. is a youth, family and community development organization specializing in youth, gang, and gun violence prevention and intervention.”

The students marched from the S.T.R.O.N.G. center at the corner of Jerusalem Ave. and Maple Ave. carrying battery powered candles and congregated at the corner of Uniondale Ave and Jerusalem for a rally on a very cold night. But their spirit and dedication was **STRONG**. They then continued the march along Uniondale Ave.



The UCC Has Been Watching the Changes Taking Place in Uniondale *Construction at the Schools, Demolition of an Ugly Abandoned Service Station, A Former 7-11 That Got at Second Life...*



Grand Ave. — Building Taking Shape



Walnut St. — Foundations Laid



Empty Space —Corner of Uniondale Ave. and Jerusalem Ave.—site of former service station. The building seen is the former Persan’s hardware store, now “Dollar Fiesta” a local dollar store. The main service center building, outbuildings and long unused gas pumps have been removed

A bit of history...the writer can attest the fact that the site housed a gas station dating back to the 1940s and most likely earlier. At one time, a house was on the property with the gas pumps out front. When the Sandberg family needed more space for an expanded service building, the house was moved around the corner to Duryea Ave. It is still there.



Construction seems to have halted at the site of the former Pius X Prep Semnary.



Around Uniondale



The new Front St. Farmers Marker seems to have gained a following. It occupies a building that housed a 7-11 which was vacant for several years.

The building was also damaged during the hurricane in August 2021 and appeared to be bound for the wrecking ball.

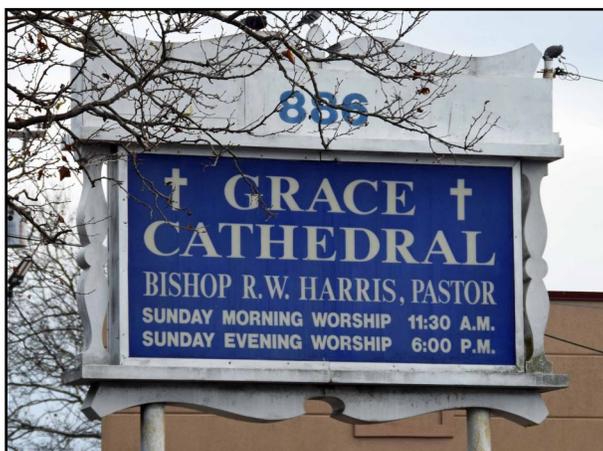
Second Life—A vacant and damaged building has been refurbished as a local food market.

Engel Burman constructed the building as part of the agreement made when they obtained the rights to build apartment complexes on the Patterson site.

Thet John J. Byrne Neighborhood Center has petitioned the board of the Nassau University Medical Center and requested that the organization be charged with managing the property. The building is intended for much needed community use and should be made available for community events as soon as possible.



New Community Use Buidling —on the property of the A. Holly Patterson Extended Care Facility.



Scaffolding Gone—the new entrance to Grace Cathedral is beautiful and enhances the building—a former movie theater. It now has the appearance of a house of worship —LOVELY!





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Serving the Uniondale School District commUNITIES

President: Nancy Skeete

PROGRAM—Jan. 24
Town of Hempstead
Senior Councilwoman
Dorothy Goosby

***BEST WISHES for
HEALTH and
HAPPINESS
in 2022 from the
UCC BOARD &
STAFF***

**SPREAD THE WORD
NEXT UCC GENERAAL MEETING**

Jan 24 at 7 pm

**On ZOOM—Please send your
email address to:**

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Register to join the meeting

Attendance— Dec 21, 2021:
P E Gibson, K Lyons, M A
Brady, N Skeete, J Ross, J B
& P Jacobs, C Mathurin, D
Mabry, Y Roberson, A Blanco
-Harvey, C Velasquez, C Bo-
hanan, K Ahmad, D Kinirons,
Dr. C Bonner, E Church, F
Morgan, J Pinard, Dr M Dar-
risaw-Akil, T Cumberbatch,
Dr M Bediako, M-E Kreye, J
Maynard,, O Flores, O Her-
nandez, J Ellerbe, C & T
Mangum, M Oladunni, T
Marsh, A Hawthorne, D
Jackson, J Brooks, P O Bil-
lelo, P O Padorecchio

Meeting Agenda

Jan. 24, 202

****Via ZOOM**

- 7:00 Pledge to the Flag**
- 7:05 YOUTH PROJECT REPORT**
- 7:20 POLICE INFORMATION**
- 7:35 Senior Councilwoman Dorothy Goosby**
- 8:05 Reports from Community Organizations**
- 8:35 Fire Department/District Report**
- 8:40 Announcements/Concerns**
- 8:45 Adjourn**

NOTES of the Dec. 20 Meeting

**UFSD: New Supt of Schools Dr. Darrisaw-Akil high-
lighted several forward -
looking programs in the
schools including college
and career readiness, a col-
lege coordinator to help
with financial aid prepared-
ness, HBCU panel at UHS,
SSS outdoor hootenanny,
and new staff (Dir of Athlet-
ics and Dir of World Lan-
guages. A covid spike
caused UHS to transition to
remote learning. Dr. Bonner
continues with workplace
and work experience, and
community association stu-
dent leaders: Montoroyo**

**Olundanni with
GUAAC, Tyler Marsh
with U Community
Land Trust, Christian
Velasquez, and Onesi
Forest.**

UCC YOUTH PROJECT:
Staff continues to guide
students with homework,
provide outdoor activi-
ties, arrange nutritious
snacks, lead with comput-
er learning, and of course
organize craft projects
around holiday themes.
So far Lawrence Road
MS and Northern Park-
way elementary school
have remained open.

MEMBERSHIP:
JOIN UCC to
strengthen YOUR
commUNITY.

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January 24: Town of Hempstead
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(There will be another pop-up raffle)

*****No general meeting in February: PLEASE NOTE**

YOUTH PROJECT

Uniondale Schools

POLICE Report

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Show Choir

Calendar of Events

Your Thanksgiving donations brought happiness to two families. They were very grateful and appreciative.

Inn: Donations were sent. Thank You.

NCPD: PO Bilello & PO-Padorecchio discussed the month's statistics, incl. burglary at Delta gas, murder/suicide under investigation, a car stop which yielded a firearm, 7 cars stolen (5 keys in cars!), 6 catalytic converters, multiple violations at Classico bar, extra holiday patrols, Inspector Guerra hopes to expand plainclothes patrols, Cornwell Ave—crack—cocaine (pre-teen kids present). UPL: Dr Claude Mangum expressed his appreciation to those who voted him into another term as Library Trustee.

CALENDAR: (Please save these dates) Join us at UCC's monthly meetings to hear and learn more: Next meeting will be Mar. 21 7pm. **No general meeting in February 2021. then Mar. 21st**

**UCC Board Meets Tues., Feb 15 on zoom
****HEMPSTEAD TOWN BD** meets Jan 25, 7pm, and 2/15 at 10:30 am. Please try to attend
****Nassau County Legislature**
Legislator Kevan Abrahams
***571-6201**

UFSD: School Board President Addie Blanco-Harvey and Dr Mary Bediako announced a strategic planning initiative. Board of Ed seeks community members (by 1/7/22) to recommend policy to the Board. It is also updating policies. There is a new ENL director. **THE HUB:** Jeannine Maynard noted the planning group recommended innovation everywhere: structural parking, organic gardens, possible farm, resources for activities and for career growth internships, water environmental planning, remediating flooding, possible solar power initiative, special benefits for veterans. Kevin Law has been named NYS Economic Development Commissioner. Questions were mainly about "what's in it for Uniondale" since we will have the traffic and children in the schools while the project will have tax abatements. So what can our hamlet expect from the community benefits agreement? This remains to be seen. The proposals will be discussed at the Nassau County Legislature in January.

UFD : Chief Jessica Ellerbe reported 47 ambulance calls and 65 other calls. We appreciate our firefighters and EMTs.

Commissioner Morgan noted 3 paid paramedics, 1 paid district worker, looking for a 5th

FIRE DEPARTMENT: 742-3300
www.uniondalefd.org

The December attendees were treated to an absolutely wonderful audio performance by the Show Choir. What a joyful way to begin the holidays!!!

3rd Precinct concerns: 573 6330
North of Hempstead Tpk



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UNIONDALE: the hamlet with a UNITED heart.

Are You a Dues Paying Member of the Uniondale Community Council?

The fiscal year of the Uniondale Community Councils runs from October 1st through September 30th. The support of the entire Uniondale Community is necessary if the organization is to continue the programs offered, over the course of several decades, to the young members of the community through the Council's Youth Project. Thus, we are encouraging everyone to become a dues paying member. Your dues and/or a donation to the Council help financially but are also indicative of strong community endorsement of the Council and its Youth Project. Evidence of such community support is vital when grant applications are submitted to the State of New York and local government entities such as Nassau County and the Town of Hempstead.

Programs sponsored by the Uniondale Community Council are available to the students and residents living in the Greater Uniondale Area, which encompasses sections of Baldwin, Hempstead and Westbury that are part of the Uniondale School District.

Note: The information provided will remain confidential. All contributions are tax deductible in the fullest extent of Section 501(c) (3) of the United States Internal Revenue tax code.

Please Print (Make checks payable to the Uniondale Community Council and Send to UCC, 806 Jerusalem Ave., Uniondale, NY 11553)

Name: _____

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Phone: (____) _____ Cell: (____) _____

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Amount Enclosed: \$ _____ Level: _____

DUES/Donor Levels:	Student \$5.00	Individual \$10.00	Parent/Guardian \$15.00
	Family (2 or more) \$25.00	Supporting \$50.00	Sustaining \$100.00
	Angel Over \$100.00	Other \$ _____	
	Individual Life Membership \$250.00	Family Life Membership \$500.00	

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