



Spring/Summer 2015 Newsletter



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Oyster Bay Main Street Association News

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Operation Clean Sweep!

The Oyster Bay Main Street Association is pleased to introduce our newest part-time employee, Michael! Michael will be working with us during the summer through our Clean Sweep Initiative.

Operation Clean Sweep was started by the Main Street Association in response to the concerns raised by our membership regarding the state of the downtown - specifically the prolific amount of garbage and loose debris that lined our streets and sidewalks detracting from the character of our hamlet.

As the summer season approached, OBMSA raised the funds necessary to hire a part time employee to walk the downtown twice a week, or as needed, to sweep up our sidewalks, streets and parking



<u>Examples of Oyster Bay's</u> <u>Garbage Problem</u>

lots. Michael was hired the first week in July and has been doing a great job!

If you happen to see Michael on the street, be sure to say hello and give him an encouraging word!

The Fifth Season of Dancing in the Street!

Now in it's fifth year, Dancing in the Street is as popular as ever! We have had three very successful nights and have two more to go!

Mark your calendars and join us on July 24th and July 31st, from 7pm to 9pm on Audrey Avenue in front of Town Hall (74 Audrey Avenue) for a free evening of dancing led by some of LI's most popular DJ's and Dancers.

All steps are geared towards singles and couples alike.

So come on down, bring a chair if desired and get ready for a beautiful evening dancing under the stars, sponsored by BMW of Oyster Bay!



OBMSA's Facade and Sign Grant



Funni Business, 30 Audrey Avenue 2015 Grant Recipient

OBMSA began this small, privately-funded grant as a means to help business and building owners in the downtown with small improvements, while keeping true to our design guidelines. Since 2013, we have invested over \$20,000 into the downtown, assisting 13 new and existing businesses.

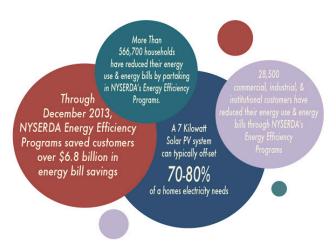
We are still accepting applications for our 2015 grant. The Main Street Association will work closely with interested business owners to design appropriate signage and will reimburse owners 75% of their pre-approved sign up to \$2,000.

For more information about our grant, examples of past recipients, and access to our application click: <u>here</u>.

Energy Efficiency Information Session

On June 18th, OBMSA hosted an information session for interested homeowners, business and building owners regarding Energy Efficiency programs available in the area.

Representatives from the New York
State Energy Research and
Development Authority (NYSERDA)
and PSEG-LI lead presentations
regarding free audits, the availability
of low cost financing and rebates,
which make energy efficiency not only



attainable and affordable, but a smart monetary decision down the line. Just this year, these programs have saved thousands of customers tens of millions of dollars.

Re-opening of Sagamore Hill NHS!



On July 12, 2015 Sagamore Hill opened its doors again. After four years and a \$10 million renovation, tourists once again flocked to the former home of our 26th President, Theodore Roosevelt.

A full day was planned by park staff including tours of the home, Rough Rider Cavalry demonstrations, and performances by the Sagamore Hill Band.

To assist with the crowds and ease parking congestion at the site, OBMSA, the Oyster Bay-East Norwich Chamber of Commerce, and the Oyster Bay Railroad Museum sponsored a trolley to transport visitors between the hamlet and the hill. A feature that may become a more permanent fixture as traffic to the National Historic Site continues to pick up in the wake of its reopening.

Third Annual End of the Season Benefit

Save the Date!

Our Third Annual End of the Season Benefit

September 30, 2015 6:00 in the evening until 9:00



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Oyster Bay Main Street Association (OBMSA) is dedicated to enhancing and promoting an attractive and thriving downtown, while maintaining its historic integrity. We are a 501 (c) 3 Non-Profit using the national Main Street Approach® to downtown revitalization.



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