

The Centerport Civic Association

CHCA General Membership Meeting, April 30, 2025

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Present: Bob Berding, Betsy Cambria, George Pullis, Mike Regan, Jim Walker, Anne Wesp, and Carol Zwiulich

Pledge of Allegiance: Josh Krief, student ambassador, led the membership in the pledge.

Student Update on Harborfields High School: Josh Krief delivered an extensive review of the student activities/events of Harborfields HS. Accomplishments regarding community outreach, sports, jazz band, and Cold Spring Harbor Laboratories were noted in detail.

Treasurer's Report: CHCA currently has \$15,000 in its accounts.

Steep Slope: Bob Berding reviewed changes to steep slope law. It was indicated that an engineer is needed to fully explain the law.
198 61D: It was noted that the Town had added one last clause that was provisional which did not apply to commercial development but only to residential development.

Bricks' Campaign: over 90 bricks were sold. Installation will be determined in the near future.

Memorial Project for Gloria Wertheimer:
The plaque honoring the late Gloria Wertheimer for her tireless and fruitful civic contributions has been made and is ready to be installed in Heron Park.
It was noted that the Town will most probably be moving some **wires** and a shrub.
A date for the installation ceremony of the stone will be announced in the near future.

Food Pantry Initiative: CHCA will begin collecting food at its General Membership meetings. The food will be distributed to local food pantries

Guest Speakers:

Cell Phones: Dangers of Having of Smart Phones Before High School and a Social Media Account Before Age 16
Ms. Kalie Hornig: A proponent of physical and mental health, holds degrees in physical education/health and nutrition. She is a mother of two children.
Ms. Hornig illustrated the dangers of cell phones and technology with children in a very detailed PowerPoint presentation accompanied by videos, followed by a handout.
Suggested Solutions:
Organizing a group of parents who sign a group pledge not to allow their children to have cell phones.
Smart Watches: could be used in lieu of cell phones. Children can make and receive phone calls without the distraction of Social Media.
Josh Krief gave his opinion based on his experience as a 16 year old at Harborfields HS where students are required to place their cell phones in a pocket which contains all students phones.

Deer Population in Centerport: How to Work with the Environment
Mr. Tom Rodler from Goldberg and Rodler, Landscape Design (along with his assistant, Roberto)

Mr. Rodler provided a lecture, illustrated with a detailed PowerPoint, regarding what and how to plant in Centerport with the growing deer population.
Mr. Rodler and Roberto were both very knowledgeable regarding habits deer; what they like and don't like to eat; how and what to plant to deter deer from destroying property; effective types of repellants; and effective deer fences.

Next General Membership Meeting: TBA