The NAACP on Long Island
(A February, Black History Month, Offering)

Books


Websites

- NAACP New York State Branch Directory (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People) – Note: Long Island is home to numerous branches of the NAACP: Brookhaven Town, Brooklyn, Central Long Island, Corona/East Elmhurst, Eastern Long Island, Far Rockaway, Freeport/Roosevelt, Glen Cove, Hempstead, Huntington, Islip Town, Jamaica, Lakeview, North Shore/Great Neck, Northeast Queens, and Westbury
- Brookhaven Town NAACP (Facebook)
- Brooklyn NAACP (The Brooklyn Branch)
- Corona East Elmhurst NAACP (Facebook)
- Jamaica Branch NAACP (Facebook)
- NAACP Eastern Long Island # 2142 (Facebook)
- NAACP Far Rockaway Branch (Facebook)
- NAACP Freeport/Roosevelt Branch #2147 (Facebook)
- NAACP Hempstead Branch (Facebook)
- NAACP Huntington, NY (The Huntington Branch)
- NAACP Islip Town Branch (Facebook)
- NAACP Lakeview (Facebook)
- Westbury NAACP (Facebook)

Articles – NAACP Activities on L.I., in the Forgotten Years: Prior to the 1960’s [1928-1959]

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• “N.A.A.C.P. Branch Shows Progress: Total Membership in Jamaica Goes Over the Two Hundred Mark.” *February 1, 1928: 11.
• “Jamaica N.A.A.C.P. Exceeds Quota; Would Raise $1,000.” *New York Amsterdam News*, May 22, 1929: 10.
• “Jamaica Branch N.A.A.C.P. Baby Contest Went Big.” *New York Amsterdam News*,
• “Women’s N.A.A.C.P. Committee to Give ‘Summer Frolic’,” *New York Amsterdam News*, June 11, 1930: 18.
NAACP Hears Victory Talk: Donald Yearwood is Guest Speaker at Youth Council Confab Gues Speaker.” New York Amsterdam News, February 24, 1940: 16.


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“Singleton Heads NAACP for Fifth Term: Group Aided Housing Unit; Other Officers Chosen at Session Held in Jamaica.” New York Amsterdam News, February 8, 1941: 10.


• “South Jamaica Residents Protest Lawlessness; Demand More Police; Mass Ming Draws Crows; Statements of Guest Speakers Taken Up by Audience.” New York Amsterdam News, April 5, 1941: 6.
• “Inwood Man’s Arrest Brings Wide Protest.” New York Amsterdam News, June 7 1941: 1.
• “Fred Turner is Again Chosen Head of Local NAACP Branch.” New York Amsterdam News, November 22, 1941: 21.
• “NAACP Charge Bias at Sperry’s.” New York Amsterdam News, August 22, 1942: 3.
• “His Good Work Will Live On” (Editorial). New York Amsterdam News, November 14, 1942: 18. – on Arthur Quincey Martin
• “State-Wide NAACP Conference Slated for Brooklyn: War Theme Ton Confab Berkley, Parris are Opening Speakers.” New York Amsterdam News, April 24, 1943: 16.
- “Inter-racial Confab Set for Queens: Meet to Stress Need of Democracy Now and in the Post-war World.” New York Amsterdam News, December 11, 1943: 7A.
- “Calls Randolph Number One in Field of Labor: Negro Gains in Union Membership; More than 100,000 Carry Card as ’44 Begins.” New York Amsterdam News, January 1, 1944: 1.
- “Long Island to Run Negroes: Four Candidates May Seek Posts in Fall Election; Political Unity Drive is Launched in Jamaica, Rockaway Community.” New York Amsterdam News, May 13, 1944: 1B.
- “NAACP Protests Singleton’s Gang Fight: Jamaica Press Criticized for Its Attitude; Dr. Thompson Vehemently Denounces Tactics.” New York Amsterdam News, August 19, 1944: 4B.
- “Negroes are Warned to Stay Down South: Migration to City Seen as Big Problem, Rush to Escape Dixie Prejudice Opposed by Urban League.” New York Amsterdam News, February 26, 1947: 1. – Long Island part of the picture
• “Ruling is Acclaimed Here: It is Called a Blow to All Discriminatory Agreements.” New York Amsterdam News, May 4, 1948: 2. – Supreme Court ruling “forbidding use of the courts to enforce racially restrictive real estate covenants.”
• “NAACP Stages Political Debate Tomorrow” Newsday, October 28, 1948: 2.
• “No Room for Negroes in Levittown Project: Bulletin.” New York Amsterdam News, June 11, 1949: 1. – FHA aid to continue to be given to Arthur Leavitt
• “Old Enough to Know Better.” Newsday, August 16, 1949: 23.
• “Ask Probe of Cross Burning on Long Island.” New York Amsterdam News, September 10, 1949: 5. – Hempstead and Freeport Branches of NAACP request police probe
• “Ask End of School ‘Segregation’ in Freeport, Ready to Plea to State.” Newsday, December 9, 1949.
• “Hail Builder to Nixed Race Restrictions.” Newsday, March 23, 1950: 3. – Thomas Romano honored
“Cab Driver Sues Glen Cove for $10,000: Veteran Sues Glen Cove and Cop for $10,000; Only Negro Cab Driver Claims Rival Company and Policeman are Persecuting Him, Sues City.” New York Amsterdam News, April 1, 1950: B1, 19.


“Pastor Dies, Body Found 5 Days Later.” New York Amsterdam News, April 28, 1951: 5. – Rev. William T. Collins, Bridgehampton Baptist Church, and president, local chapter, NAACP


“U.S. Court May Hear Teacher-Bias Charge.” New York Amsterdam News, November 3, 1951: M1. – Dorothy J. Brown accused Nassau public schools of systematically excluding Negro teachers


“NAACP Head Hits LI ‘Quiet Segregation.’” Newsday, December 6, 1951: 3. – Walter White accuses L.I. of as much veiled segregation as there is open segregation in Georgia


• “Civic Tables Motion to Condemn 2 Fires.” *Newsday*, November 28, 1953: 5.
• “Say Jim Crow Schools May Be Built.” *New York Amsterdam News*, May 1, 1954: 1. — North Amityville; opposed by Central L.I. Branch, NAACP
• “LI Leaders Hail Segregation Court Ban.” *Newsday*, May 18, 1954: 3.
• “3 Ask to Talk in Rent Probe.” *Newsday*, February 8, 1955: 13. – Including Richard Bellamy of the Long Beach Branch, NAACP
• “Cove Meets to Bar Repeat of Fire Fatal to 3.” *Newsday*, March 21, 1955: 3. – Wilfred V. Reape, of Amityville, President, Central LI Branch, NAACP, demands probe
• “Press Plan to Buy, Rebuild Cove Slum; 111 Sure of Housing.” *Newsday*, September 17, 1955: 3.
• “Nassau Bigots Stone Woman’s New Home.” *New York Amsterdam News*, October 29, 1955: 1. – Ethel Carry of Long Beach, NY, victimized; house stoned and tarred
• “State Education Head to Decide Amity Board-NAACP Dispute.” *Newsday*, January 23, 1956: 12.
• “Seek Teens in L[ong]. Beach ‘Hate Note.’” *Newsday*, January 8, 1957: 14. – Dozens of hate messages left by teen gang, along a predominantly Negro street in Long Beach
• “Chain Gang Fugitive Fights to Stay on L.I.” *Newsday*, February 1, 1957: 3.
• “School Aides Hit Charge of LI Hiring Bias.” *Newsday*, February 12, 1957: 5.
• “Students Awarded Prizes at Meet.” *New York Amsterdam News*, March 9, 1957: 18. – Central LI Branch 2nd Annual Brotherhood and Negro History Week Program at Suburban Jewish Temple, Wantagh, NY.
• “Past Reaches Out to Return L[ner] to Prison.” *Newsday*, March 27, 1957: 4. – LI’er John Horton is to be returned to a Georgia prison and chain gang to complete his sentence for murder in that state.
• “10 Queens Busloads to March on D.C.” *New York Amsterdam News*, April 27, 1957: 19. – Several branches of the NAACP represented

• “‘Moral Encouragement.’” *Newsday*, July 24, 1957: 37. – Eugene T. Reed, President, Central L.I. branch, NAACP, attacks Southern senators for their opposition to the Civil Rights Bill

• “Ave Orders Probe of Migrant Camps.” *Newsday*, August 29, 1957: 3. – NYS Gov. Averill Harriman orders probe of conditions in migrant labor camps, at urging of NAACP, to include those in Suffolk County.


• “Fly the Flag.” *New York Amsterdam News*, March 8, 1958: 6. – Praises NAACP for real service to America, in seeing that laws relating to racial equality are enforced.


• “L.Ier Tells Little Rock How to Integrate.” *Newsday*, June 6, 1958: 5.


• “Bias Probe Passed to COIR Group.” *New York Amsterdam News*, October 4, 1958: 19. – NYC Mayor Robert Wagner (who had a summer house in Islip, NY), referred a probe on religious bias to the Commission on Intergroup relations


• “Clerics Blaming LI Community in Slum Fire.” Newsday, February 3, 1959: 5.
• “R’head Slum Fire Toll 5 as Injuries Kill Mother.” Newsday, February 7, 1959: 5.
• “Squalor, Official Inaction Equal Death in Suffolk’s Slums: The Sum of Squalor and Inaction: Death.” Newsday, February 11, 1959: 1C.
• “Bare Prejudice in Suffolk Realty Deals.” Newsday, February 24, 1959: 3.
  – Albert E. Seay, of Riverhead, President, Eastern L.I. Brach, NAACP, was named to the committee making suggestions to improve slum housing conditions.
  – Blockbusting was realtors’ practice of encouraging white flight from their neighborhoods, at bargain-rate sales, by stating that blacks were moving into the neighborhood, relying on bigotry to clear the area for profitable resale.
• “Made Life Member of Queensboro Council.” New York Amsterdam News, August 8, 1959: 22.
  – Rev. George W. Hinton honored
  – Loft Candies were based in Long Island City, and helped raise money for the NAACP’s Freedom Fund, in honor of the NAACP’s 50th anniversary.
  – Defended by NAACP lawyer

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