

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi Neighbors,

It's that time of the year again when fall comes and our new civic year begins. Queens Village was lucky this summer as we did not have the heavy rains and powerful winds that were so destructive with flooding and downed trees in some areas of Queens, upstate, and throughout the country.

The Executive Board and I hope that everyone had an enjoyable, healthy, and safe summer. Although some days were brutally hot and humid, we had no serious heat wave.

Nagassar (Ram) Ramgarib gave our community nine years of great service as President of the Queens Village Civic Association. He will be a tough act to follow. But, with the help of our Executive Board and our dedicated members, I believe that I can do a good job as your President.

The 105<sup>th</sup> Precinct now has a substation to cover Rosedale and Laurelton. We will continue to fight for another precinct to better serve the communities covered by the 105<sup>th</sup>. (Refer to article in the news page.)

Governor Eliot Spitzer has signed into law the Lawn Litter Bill, which will become effective in January 2008. This bill was supported by many of our members and community residents as they were tired of picking up and disposing of unwanted advertisements and flyers that were thrown on their lawns and stoops. With the new law, homeowners will be able to post a sign stating that advertisements and solicitations shall not be placed on their property. Those residents who want the advertisements will continue to receive them by not putting up such a sign. (Refer to article in the news page.)

There has been increase of home invasions in our community. Remember to keep your doors and windows locked, especially when you are out or asleep. To make sure that your home is adequately protected, the NYPD provides a free, confidential survey with recommendations to safeguard your home or business. Call the 105<sup>th</sup> Precinct Crime Prevention Officer at 718-776-9207 for an appointment.

I look forward to seeing you at our September 18 meeting.

Stay well. God bless.

Yours truly,



Amelia A. Kent

Our newest member is Floracita Dunn, who resides on 217<sup>th</sup> Street. Welcome aboard. We completed our civic year on August 31 with 205 paid members. You can join us at our monthly meetings or by using the membership application form in this newsletter. Dues are \$5.00 a year per person. As a member, you will have our newsletter delivered to your home and receive our support in helping to remove problems in the community that diminish your peace and comfort. We need you to increase our strength and our clout as we fight for City services and programs to maintain and improve our quality of life. We have found that many residents, especially those who have moved into our community recently, have not heard of us. Please talk about the Queens Village Civic Association to your friends and neighbors and invite them to our meetings. Your support is gratefully appreciated.

### **OUR 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY BANNER ON JAMAICA AVENUE**

The banner celebrating our Half Century of dedicated service to Queens Village is posted on 219<sup>th</sup> Street and Jamaica Avenue, across the street from the Chase Bank. You can also view our banner by visiting our new website, [qvca.org](http://qvca.org).

### **NEW POLICE SUBSTATION FOR 105<sup>TH</sup> PRECINCT**

The NYPD has created a substation of the 105<sup>th</sup> Precinct in the Queens South Task Force Command Center on North Conduit Avenue and 43<sup>rd</sup> Street in Laurelton. Forty officers of the 105<sup>th</sup> Precinct are now operating in two shifts out of the one-story building. The substation comes after many years of demands by community leaders and organizations (including us) to create an additional precinct to serve the communities of the 105<sup>th</sup> precinct, which covers the largest geographic area in the borough of Queens. We believe that stationing 40 officers in southeast Queens is a step in the right direction, but we will continued to fight for another precinct. The substation should increase police respond time to crime.

### **DON'T PAY TO CLAIM YOUR LOST MONEY**

Before you pay a locator firm to find your lost money or property, try finding it yourself. You can do so by calling the Office of the New York State Controller at 800-221-9311 or 518-270-2200, Monday through Friday, from 7:00 A. M. to 5:00 P. M. To check for unclaimed property in other states, visit [www.oscnaupa.org](http://www.oscnaupa.org), the Website of the National Association of Unclaimed Property Administrators. Banks, insurance and utility companies, and other businesses are required by law to turn over to the state dormant savings accounts, unclaimed stock and insurance dividends, and other inactive holdings. When there has been an inactivity in a bank or financial account, usually for a period of between two and five years, the money in it is considered unclaimed or abandoned.

The Lawn Litter Bill, sponsored by Senator Frank Padavan and Assemblyman Mark Weprin, has been signed into law by Governor Spitzer. Residents will now be allowed to post a sign, at least 7 inches wide and five inches tall, stating that advertisements and solicitations shall not be placed on their property. If business owners fail to comply, hefty fines will be assessed, between \$250 and \$1,000 dollars, not to exceed \$5,000. Residents of Queens have complained for many years about the unwanted and unsolicited advertisements that are thrown on their lawns and stoops and clutter their yards. Finally, we can do something about it. The new law is a win-win situation for all residents: Those who want to continue receiving the advertisements packets and flyers should not post a do not want sign.

### **25<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL QUEENS COUNTY FAIR**

The 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Queens County Fair will be held at the Queens County Farm Museum, located at 73-50 Little Parkway, in Floral Park, on Saturday and Sunday, September 15 and 16, from 11:00. A. M. to 6:00 P. M. This wonderful family event is a traditional County Fair with Blue Ribbon competitions in livestock, produce, home crafts, and arts and crafts. Early American craft demonstrations, pie eating and corn husking contests, pig racing, Lumber Jack shows, make your own scarecrow, hayrides, petting zoo, carnival rides, and fabulous live musical entertainment make this event a must-do for people of all ages. Enjoy the Irish band and dancers on Saturday, and the German band and dancers on Sunday. Visit the Bavarian Garden, the green house, and enjoy tours of the historic farmhouse. Craft vendors will show their wares. Good food will be available. Admission for adults: \$6.00. Children: \$3.00 (ages 12 and under). Parking is free.

### **MUSIC AND THEATRE AT OUR LIBRARY**

Our Queens Village Library Branch, located at 94-11 217<sup>th</sup> Street, has scheduled two entertaining events in the auditorium this month: On Saturday, September 15, beginning at 2:00 P.M., New York City Swing and its top-notch musicians will play all styles of music, including 50s and 60s rock, Motown, 70s funk and disco, Top Forty hits, and all ethnic styles. Saturday, September 29, at 2:30 P. M., the Senior Theater Acting Repertory (STAR) players will perform works by modern playwrights.

### **FREE FLU SHOTS AT SNAP**

SNAP of Eastern Queens, at the Creedmoor Campus (Building #4,CBU#29), on 80-45 Winchester Boulevard in Queens Village, is giving free flu shots on Tuesday, October 9, from 9:30 A. M. to 2:30 P. M., and Tuesday, October 30, from 9:30 A. M. to 11:30 A. M. Seniors can spend the entire day there, enjoying good company and having a delicious lunch for \$1.50. Call 718-454-2100 to register.