

THE QUEENS VILLAGE CIVIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

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We Don't Complain About Problems — We Work On Solutions

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi Members and Neighbors,

What wonderful, spring-like weather we have been experiencing in these first weeks of February. Take advantage of it while it lasts, for we do not know what March has in store for us.

The Department of Transportation has given us two of the signs we have requested: An "All-Way Stop Sign" at 217th Street and 94th Avenue (by our library) and a "Yield to Pedestrian Sign," 93rd Avenue and Springfield Boulevard, at Our Lady of Lourdes Church. The signs should help to eliminate traffic accidents there.

We welcome Deputy Inspector Paul Piekarski, the new Commanding Officer of the 105th Precinct. We look forward to working with him to help keep our community safe. We will invite him to one of our monthly meetings to express our concerns and seek his advice on combating crime.

The Lawn Litter Bill is now law. We will have the signs you need to enforce this law at this month's meeting. We thank Senator Frank Padavan and Assemblyman Mark Weprin as they were instrumental in getting support for the bill in the State legislature. (Refer to article in the news page.)

Queens Borough President Helen Marshall is trying to remedy the discord and bickering on Community Board 13. Marshall, who appoints the board members, will speak to each one individually to identify problems. There will be openings on the board. If you're interested, call 718-464-9700.

We have asked our elected representatives to help us get rid of the monster trucks that park in our community illegally without impunity, especially on Braddock Avenue between 89th and Hillside Avenues. They are hazardous to motorists as they take from 70 to 90 feet of the roadway, and slow and obstruct traffic. They also wear out our local streets. Why should the City subsidize trucking companies by providing free, illegal parking? Why aren't these trucks being ticketed or booted?

We want to thank Swaranjit Singh, President of the World Sikh Peace Foundation, for his interesting and informative presentation of the Sikh Culture at our January meeting. We wish him luck with his future programs.

Stay well. God bless. Hope to see on February 19.

Always,



Amelia A. Kent








Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 19
8:00 P. M.

Place: Stewart Hall
Our Lady of Lourdes Church
Springfield Blvd. & 93rd Ave.

On the Agenda: Discussion of Community
Problems

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OUR MEMBERSHIP

Our newest members are George Henkel and Jo Vasques, who reside on 221 Street. Welcome aboard. We are behind in our goal of 200 paid members for the current civic year. If you haven't paid your dues as yet, please do so. You can pay your dues at our regular monthly meetings or by mailing your check of \$5.00 to the Queens Village Civic Association, P. O. Box 0766, Queens Village, NY, 11428. As a member, you will have our newsletter delivered to your home and receive our support in helping to resolve 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 help maintain and improve our quality of life.

NEW ONE-WAY STREET IN OUR TOWN

The Department of Transportation has approved 221 Street from Braddock Avenue to Winchester Boulevard for conversion to one-way traffic north bound. If you have any concerns, please contact Community Board 13 at 718-464-9700 no later than February 25, 2008, by 4:00 P.M., or come to the Board's meeting on February 25, at the Bellerose Assembly of God Church, 240-15 Hillside Avenue, at 7:30 P.M.

A JURY DUTY SCAM

A new and ominous kind of fraud has surfaced with the perpetrators claiming that they are jury coordinators and that they are inquiring about why you did not show up for jury duty. They add that there is warrant for your arrest for failure to report for jury duty. When you tell them that you did not receive the notice, they say that they can cancel the arrest warrant if you give them your social security number and date of birth. Don't fall for it. Tell them that if they are legitimate they would already know your social security number and that you will verify it if they tell you what it is. Or just hang up. These scammers try to intimidate and bully people by saying that they are employed by the courts. The FBI and the Federal Court System have issued nationwide alerts about this scam. It has been reported in 11 states, including New York.

CONDOLENCES

Anna Jensen, a longtime member of our civic association, passed away on February 1. She was a very active member of Our Lady of Lourdes Church, working assiduously in its Infant Wear and Outreach Programs. She was a kind and loving person. Anna will be sorely missed. We extend our heartfelt condolences to the Jensen Family.

LAWN LITTER LAW IN EFFECT

Thanks to widespread support from civic organizations and residents throughout Queens, Senator Frank Padavan's Lawn Litter Law has been enacted. Finally, residents will no longer have to put up with the deluge of unwanted flyers and literature left on their property. The law imposes a civil penalty of between \$250 and \$1,000 on businesses that do not adhere to a sign posted by a resident stating that their advertisements are not wanted. These window signs, provided by Senator Padavan, will be available at this month's meeting. The City has 60 to 90 days to establish rules and regulations in relation to the enforcement of the Lawn Litter Law and to designate an agency to enforce the law. The Lawn Litter Law will help to safeguard our quality of life and security, and promote civic pride.

LIBRARY DAY IN ALBANY

With the purpose of assuring full New York State funding for libraries, the Queens Borough Public Library will once again conduct its annual "Library Day in Albany" bus trip on Tuesday, March 11. Library friends, supporters, and staff will fill chartered buses that will bring Queens residents to their State Senators and Assembly Members to speak with them about the importance of fully funded libraries. The buses will depart from the Central Library in Jamaica, Broadway Library in Astoria, Bay Terrace Library in Bayside, and other sites as needed. A light lunch will be provided. Call 718-990-0817 or the Queen Village Library Branch at 718-776-6800 to reserve a seat on the bus. All buses depart at 7:00 A. M. and return approximately at 7:00 P. M.

FREE INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE

The Bellerose Library, located at 250-06 Hillside Avenue, is offering free income tax counseling for low-and-moderate income older adults on Mondays, February 4 through April 14, from 1:00 P. M. to 5:00 P. M. Bring a copy of last year's tax return, W-2 and 1099 forms, forms mailed to you by the IRS, and any other information concerning your income and expenses. The program is sponsored by AARP. To find other local AARP Tax Aide sites, call 1-888-227-7669.

REMOVAL OF ILLEGAL ADVERTISING SIGNS

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