

THE QUEENS VILLAGE CIVIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

NEWSLETTER

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

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members and Neighbors,

With St. Patrick's Day and Easter coming this month, it's a sure sign that spring is not far behind. And it will soon be time to start sprucing up our village by getting rid of debris, broken tree limbs, and leftover autumn leaves. And let's give our property a good sweeping after being assailed by this winter's storms.

A number of carports have been built in our community. Those attached to homes are illegal. We are checking out if free-standing and garage-attached ones are legal. We have also noticed home driveways that have been widened to accommodate more cars. We are also checking the legality of this practice. We will keep you informed about this matter.

At this month's meeting, under the provisions of the Lawn Litter Law, we will have signs for you to post on your property that state that unwanted advertisements and literature may not be placed there. (Please refer to article in the news page.)

We thank Senator Frank Padavan and Assemblywoman Barbara Clark for their prompt reply to our letters of complaint about the huge tractor trailer and car transport trucks that are parking illegally in Queens Village, especially on Braddock Avenue. Their support, coupled with ticketing action by the 105th Precinct, has helped to reduce the number of these trucks from using our community as a parking lot. The trucks are hazardous to both motorists and pedestrians as they take from 70 to 90 feet of the roadway, and slow and obstruct traffic.

We will be selecting a Nomination Committee for our 2008-2009 elections at this month's meeting. (Refer to article in the news page.)

A free, confidential survey with recommendations to safeguard your home or business is being offered by the NYPD. Call the 105th Precinct Crime Prevention Officer at 718-776-9207 for an appointment.

Stay well. God bless. I hope to see you on March 18.

Have a Happy St. Patrick's Day.

Always,



Amelia A. Kent



Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 18

8:00 P. M.

Place: Stewart Hall

Our Lady of Lourdes Church
Springfield Blvd. & 93rd. Ave.







On the Agenda: Nomination Committee
For 2008-2009 Officers

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AN INVITATION TO JOIN THE QUEENS VILLAGE CIVIC ASSOCIATION

We need not only your financial support, but your contribution of ideas, expertise, and time to make our community a better place. Dues are \$5.00 a year per person. Please mail this form to P.O. Box 0766, Queens Village, NY 11428-0766 or enroll at our meetings. Make your check payable to the Queens Village Civic Association.

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OUR MEMBERSHIP

Our newest members are Melba Lopez (216 Street) and Claudette Hamilton-Sampson (217 Street). Welcome aboard. We have added 10 new members during our current civic year, and 120 Queens Villagers have renewed their membership. If you've been thinking about joining us, you can do so at our monthly meetings or by using the membership application form in this newsletter. Your support is gratefully appreciated. 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 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 maintain and improve our quality of life.

ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS

Your civic association will hold its annual election of officers for our 2008-2009 civic year on May 20. Please give serious consideration to serving our community in this capacity. You'll find the work very interesting and intrinsically rewarding. If you're interested, let us know at this month's meeting or call 718-468-2160. We also need a member in attendance at the meeting to volunteer for our Nomination Committee.

LAWN LITTER BILL SIGNS AVAILABLE

Signs stating that you do not want advertising flyers and literature left on your property will be available at this month's meeting. The signs, provided by Senator Frank Padavan, are your legal notice to advertisers that you are protected from their unwanted solicitations by the newly enacted Law Litter Law. Finally, you can stop the deluge of unwanted advertisements placed or thrown on your property. The law imposes a civil penalty of between \$250 and \$1,000 for violations. The City has 60 to 90 days to establish rules and regulations in relation to the enforcement of the Lawn Litter Law. The Department of Sanitation has been empowered by Mayor Bloomberg to enforce the law.

HELP TO COMPLETE YOUR TAXES

If you're having a problem completing your federal income tax return, call the IRS for assistance at 1-800-829-1040. For help on your New York City and New York State income taxes, call 1-800-225-5829. The service is free. Low-and-moderate income tax payers can find local AARP Tax-Aide sites that will help them to complete their taxes without charge at 1-888-227-7669. Federal and State and City Income Tax forms are available at our Queens Village Library, located at 94-11 217th Street. Call 718-776-6800 for library hours.

LET'S HAVE A SPRING CLEANUP

With the coming of spring, we are asking Queens Villagers to maintain their homes and properties in compliance with sanitation and building codes. That means cleaning up to 18 inches from the curb into the street, disposing of garbage and recyclables promptly, keeping lids on garbage cans, getting rid of unlicensed cars and materials that are decaying in your yard, keeping your lawn clean and cut. The Department of Sanitation is enforcing the 18 inches from the curb code. The fines range from \$50-\$250. Taking pride in our community by complying with sanitation and building codes will help keep our environs clean and improve our quality of life. It will also save you money by avoiding fines.

FARMHOUSE EASTER EGG HUNT

The Queens County Farm Museum, located at 73-50 Little Neck Parkway in Floral Park, will hold its annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 22, from 12:00 P. M. to 4:00 P.M., in the farm's orchard. Egg hunts will be ongoing throughout the day. Bunny "Whiskers" will be hopping around the farm to greet the children. You can dance the "Bunny-Hop," play egg toss and egg rolling games on the farmhouse lawn, visit the animals, and take a hay ride. Tours of the historic farmhouse will be available. The gift shop will be open, and good food will be served. Admission is \$4.00 per person. Parking is free.

NANDCUFFING THE JUNK MAIL BANDIT

To get off mailing lists, access the Mail Preference Service Registry of the Directory Marketing Association at dmachoice.org and click on "Remove my name from those lists." Your online registration is free and good for three years. This singular move should cut out 80% of unsolicited mail within four months.

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CROCHET AND CHESS AT OUR LIBRARY

Our Queens Village Library, at 94-11 217th Street, is sponsoring a Crochet Club and a Chess Club for adults during March. The Crochet Club meets every Monday in March at 1:00 P. M. Basic crocheting skills are necessary. The Chess Club, where you can practice your skills weekly, meets every Monday and Thursday evening in March at 6:00 P. M. For more information, call 718-776-6800.

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