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

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Queens Villagers,

At this time of the year with the prevailing economy and its attendant problems, which certainly impact on each and every one of us, let's recognize that there is still so much for which to be grateful. Since the timing of this newsletter falls between Veterans Day and Thanksgiving, we must remember those now serving in the military and pray for their safety and speedy return.

I have always considered Thanksgiving to be the one quintessentially American celebration. At this month's meeting, your civic will continue our tradition of having a turkey raffle. Those in attendance will receive a free ticket for two drawings of \$25.00 gift certificates redeemable at our local Key Food Supermarket for Thanksgiving groceries.

Executive Board: We are pleased to report that Leonard Hookum, in addition to serving as our Corresponding Secretary, has agreed to assume the duties of Financial Secretary. Len has been a Queens Villager for several years and has been proactive, as our letterhead states, "**working on solutions.**"

If the weather cooperates, we will light our Queens Village Christmas Tree on Friday evening, December 12, at 7:00 P. M., in Queens Village Veterans Plaza, located at the intersection of Jamaica Avenue and Springfield Boulevard.

Please note that the Department of Sanitation will not be picking up leaves separately this fall. (Refer to article in the news page.)

We plan to have a binder with information relevant to our civic and a record of those points which may concern our membership available at our meetings. We welcome your suggestions. **It's your civic.**

To all Queens Village Civic Association members and their families: Have a peaceful, bountiful Thanksgiving and a Happy Holiday Season. I hope to see you on November 18 and at our Christmas Tree lighting.

Your neighbor,



John Stiller



Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 18
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 Samantha and Dino Gueness and Evelyn Newbold. They reside on Hollis Court Boulevard. Glad to have you aboard. We have added five new members during the current civic year that began in September, and 45 Queens Villagers have renewed their membership. 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 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.

TAKE DOWN YOUR GARAGE SALE SIGNS

Signs posted on City or utility poles advertising your garage or yard sale are illegal. To avoid fines, take the signs down immediately after the event is over. Don't rely on your civic association to do it.

NURSING HOMES WITHOUT WALLS

This program provides health care at home for chronically ill or disabled adults who might otherwise have to enter a nursing home or a health-related facility. For more information, call the Hillside Manor Long Term Health Care Program at 718-291-3500. Each patient receives a specialized coordinated plan of care approved by a doctor.

NO SPECIAL LEAF COLLECTIONS

The Department of Sanitation will not be making special leaf collections this fall. Leaves should be placed at the curb in non-recycling garbage cans or bags on regular garbage pick up days. This information was provided by 311.

POOPER-SCOOPER LAW FINE INCREASED

The maximum fine for failure to pick up after your dog has been increased to \$250.00. This is the first time since the law went into effect in 1978 that the fine has been raised. Your compliance with the law will help to keep our community clean and green. And may save you money.

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CHRISTMAS AT QUEENS COUNTY FARM MUSEUM

The Queens County Farm Museum, located at 73-50 Little Neck Parkway in Floral Park, has scheduled special events there for the "Christmas Season."

. Christmas Tree and Poinsettia sales from December 1 through December 24.

. Wreath Making Workshops on Saturday, December 6 and Saturday, December 13, at 10:00 A. M., 12:00 P. M., and 2:00 P. M. Make a beautiful evergreen wreath. All materials are provided. To register, call 718-347-3276, Ext. 10. Workshop fee: \$15.00 per person per wreath. (Prepayment required.)

. Holiday Open House, December 26, 27, 28, and 29, from 12:00 P. M. to 4:00 P. M. Enjoy tours of the decorated farmhouse, craft activity for children, and mulled cider. Admission is free

PRE-THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION AT SNAP

SNAP, Services Now for Adult Persons of Eastern Queens, located at 80-45 Winchester Boulevard, Building #4, CBU #29, in the Creedmoor Complex in Queens Village, will have a pre-Thanksgiving celebration of a full turkey luncheon meal, from roast turkey with stuffing to apple pie a la mode, on Tuesday, November 25, from 12:00 P.M. to 1:00 P. M. The suggested donation is \$1.25. For more information, call 718-454-2100.

105TH PRECINCT COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

The next meeting of the 105th Precinct Community Council will be held on Wednesday, November 19, at 8:00 P. M., in the precinct located at 92-08 222nd Street in Queens Village. Precinct Commander Inspector Paul Piekarski will be there to give reports and statistics on crime in our community. He will also answer your questions and concerns about crime, and you will have the opportunity to make complaints.

HEAP HELPS TO PAY HOME HEATING BILLS

HEAP, the Home Energy Assistance Program, can give you a hand to pay this winter's soaring home heating bills. You may be eligible if you are a United States citizen or a qualified alien and your income is below the current income guidelines for your size family. You may be eligible even if you have money in the bank, stocks, bonds, or other resources. For an application form and guidance, call 311. 311 is open 24/7.

GRAFFITI UPDATE

With the help of the RDU Unit of the NYC Department of Probation and 311, we have been able to remove a lot of the graffiti in our Jamaica Avenue business district. You can help us in our efforts by reporting graffitied sites to us or 311. Graffiti is a felony crime, and those 16 and over found guilty are subject to fines and imprisonment.

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