

# THE QUEENS VILLAGE CIVIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

# NEWSLETTER

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members and Neighbors,

Amid all the bad news of foreclosures and over development that have inundated us, we have some positive local news that the large vacant property on Jamaica Avenue next to Key Food will be the site of a new TDY bank. Let's hope that this evidence of confidence in our area by a major institution augurs well for the future.

With Halloween approaching, let's all be aware of children during Trick or Treating. We know that dusk and speeding cars are a dangerous mix. So act accordingly. (Refer to article in the news page.)

The ceremony honoring fallen Major Jeffrey Calero last month at the co-naming of Hollis Court Boulevard at 90<sup>th</sup> Avenue was well attended by his relatives, those who served with him, local dignitaries, community residents, and members of our Executive Board. We must all be grateful for his service and ultimate sacrifice.

Election Day is Tuesday, November 3. We will be electing citywide our Mayor, Comptroller, and Public Advocate, and many local representatives. Be informed about the candidates. Make your vote count.

Some sad news: Helen Trent, long active board member of our neighbor civic, Creedmoor Civic Association, has passed away. Our communities are grateful for her involvement and support of the Queens County Farm Museum since its founding. She attended our annual dinner last June. Helen will be missed by all who are involved in Civics. Ram and I attended the funeral service, and on behalf of our members offered our condolences to her family.

We have invited Frank D'Angelo, Esq. to address us at this month's meeting on the subject of Elder Law and related matters. I hope to see you there. Stay well.

Your neighbor,



John Stiller



FROM  
QUEENS VILLAGE CIVIC ASSOCIATION  
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Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 20  
8:00 P. M.  
Place: Stewart Hall  
Our Lady of Lourdes Church  
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Guest Speaker: Frank D'Angelo, Esq. Subject:  
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## OUR MEMBERSHIP

Our newest members are Georgeanna Hepner (Hollis Court Boulevard), Christopher and Patricia Nuccio (92<sup>nd</sup> Avenue), Catherine Quinn (220th Street), and Janet Robinson (Francis Lewis Boulevard). Welcome aboard! 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.

## FREE MAMMOGRAPHY SCREENINGS

Free mammography screenings will be given in a mobile mammography van at the office of Senator Frank Padavan, 89-39 Gettysburg Street, in Bellerose, on Saturday, November 14, from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P. M. The van will be staffed completely by women. You must call 718-343-0255 to make an appointment.

## HALLOWEEN WISDOM

The following information from the NYPD should be shared by parents and children:

- Go trick or treating with you friends. Stay out of buildings, homes, and elevators when you are alone.
- Stay out of strangers' homes or cars.
- Let your parents look at all candy and treats before you eat them.
- If you go out at night, wear bright colored clothing or carry a flashlight.
- Only go trick or treating in your neighborhood.
- Walk on the sidewalk and stay off the street. If you have to cross the street, do so at the intersection. If your mask blocks your vision, take it off before you cross the street.
- Respect the property of the people you visit.

## NEW BANK IN TOWN

TDY Bank will open an office at the intersection of 214th Place and Jamaica Avenue, across the street from the Key Food Supermarket of Queens Village. Construction has just begun. The new building will help to beautify Jamaica Avenue.

## 105TH PRECINCT COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

The next meeting of the 105<sup>th</sup> Precinct Community Council will be held on Wednesday, October 28, at 8:00 P. M., in the precinct located at 92-08 222<sup>nd</sup> Street, in Queens Village. Our local police will be there to give reports and statistics on crime in our community. They will also answer your questions and concerns about crime, and you will have the opportunity to make complaints.

## FUN FOR ALL AT CHILDREN'S FALL FESTIVAL

The Queens County Farm Museum, located at 73-50 Little Neck Parkway in Floral Park, will hold its annual Children's Fall Festival on Sunday, October 25, from 11:00 A. M. to 4:00 P. M. Youngsters are invited to wear their Halloween costumes and visit the haunted house. Professional look-a-likes will be there. Craft vendors will display and sell fall items. There will be country music and dancing. Enjoy sack races, hayrides, pony rides, petting zoo, tours of the historic farmhouse, and the farmhouse's famous "Amazing Maize Maze," a three acre interactive corn maze. You can also purchase a pumpkin from the pumpkin patch.

Admission to the festival is \$5.00 and \$4.00 for the haunted house. Admission to the maize is \$8.00 for adults, children ages 4 to 11 \$5.00, and children ages 3 and under free. Parking is free.

## CEASE AND DESIST LAW HAS EXPIRED

The New York State Cease and Desist Law, which prohibits real estate brokers and agents from visiting or calling your home or mailing solicitations without your consent, expired on August 1. Senator Frank Padavan, who championed the law, is fighting to have it renewed. You can help by writing to Senator Padavan expressing your support in this matter. His address is 89-39 Gettysburg Street, Bellerose, NY, 11426. Or you can sign a petition of support for the renewal of the law at this month's meeting.

## FLOOD RELIEF FOR SOUTHEAST QUEENS

New York City will spend nearly \$45 million to upgrade sewer and water main systems in the communities of southeast Queens that have suffered extensive flooding for decades after heavy rainfall. The City was able to free up \$44.7 million for the project from the \$220 million it received in federal stimulus money for other infrastructure projects. Storm sewers in the affected areas will be extended, and water mains and sanitary sewers will be replaced.

## SUPPORT GROUPS AT SNAP

SNAP of Eastern Queens is pleased to offer support groups for the senior community. Recognizing the importance of having a safe, comfortable, and confidential space to share your thoughts and feelings, the following groups are offered:

- Men's Discussions Group: Mondays, 11:00-12:00.
  - Going Solo Groups (for singles, widows, and widowers) Alternate Tuesdays, 1:00 to 2:00.
  - Life Changes and Transitions: Thursdays, 10:00-11:00.
  - Women's Discussion Group: Fridays, 10:00 to 11:00.
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