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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Queens Villagers,

First, thanks to those who donated blood at the recent blood drive in Stewart Hall, and to our member Paul Robison who organized the event.

Next, correction: In our October newsletter, the new bank branch being constructed on Jamaica Avenue and 214th Place was incorrectly identified as TDY bank. The correct name is TD Bank (as in Toronto Dominion).

On the subject of "New in our Neighborhood," Walgreens has committed to a new store with parking to be built on the northwest corner of Hempstead Avenue and Springfield Boulevard, on the site of what used to be a convenience store and Marks Lumber. This is another welcome sign of confidence in Queens Village and will provide much needed employment.

On Saturday, November 21, a community health expo, sponsored by Senator Frank Padavan, will be held at Our Lady of the Snows Church in Floral Park, from 11:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. (Please refer to details in the news page.)

With Thanksgiving upon us and the Christmas Season on its heels, we expect traffic problems on Jamaica Avenue. This is exacerbated by the "dollar cabs" which weave in and out and stop in the center lane to pick up passengers. Some of the cabs have New Jersey plates. We will pursue this matter with the 105th Precinct.

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 for Thanksgiving groceries.

Your civic will also continue our tradition of decorating and lighting a Christmas Tree next month in Veterans Park Plaza, located at the intersection of Springfield Boulevard and Jamaica Avenue. Enjoy it.

There will be no meeting in December. So to all our members and neighbors, I wish you a healthy and happy Holiday Season.

Your neighbor,

John Stiller



Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 17
8:00 P. M.
Place: Stewart Hall
Our Lady of Lourdes Church
Springfield Blvd. & 93rd Ave.
On the Agenda: Discussion of Community
Problems and Elder Law

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COMMUNITY HEALTH AND WELLNESS EXPO

Join Senator Frank Padavan and his community partners for free health care screenings and services important to you and your family's health and well-being on Saturday, November 21, from 11:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M., at Our Lady of the Snows Church, 258-15 80th Avenue, in Floral Park. Enter on 258th Street. For constant updates, a full listing of health care and community group participants, and directions, please visit padavan.nysenate.gov. Or call 718-343-0255.

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Christmas Tree and Poinsettia sales from December 5 through December 24. Popular varieties and sizes of trees, evergreen wreaths, and poinsettias will be for sale with proceeds benefiting the Farm Museum.

Wreath Making Workshop on Saturday, December 5, and Sunday, December 6, at 10:00 A.M., 12:00 P.M., and 2:00 P.M. Make a beautiful evergreen wreath. All materials are provided. You only need to bring a garden shear. To register, call 718-347-3276, Ex. 301. Workshop fee: \$20.00 per person per wreath. (Advanced payment required.)

Holiday Open House, December 26, 27, and 28, Saturday, Sunday, and Monday, 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.

OUR LOCAL PRECINCT HAS HOLIDAY DRIVE

The 105th Precinct, located at 92-08 222nd Street, in Queens Village, is conducting a coat and canned food drive during the Holiday Season. Please drop off your donations at the precinct.

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CONGRATULATIONS, RAM

Nagassar (Ram) Ramgarib, our past President and current Trustee, has been reappointed to the Queens Hospital Center Community Advisory Board (CAB). He will serve in the category of Community Board 13 representative. Ram will be an asset to the Queens Hospital Center Community Advisory Board and the health of our community.

FLU SHOTS

For information on where to get flu shots, speak to your doctor or call 311. 311 will provide the location of the nearest New York City health clinic that administers the flu shot or flu nasal spray. Health officials estimate that 50,000 people die annually in the USA from influenza, a viral respiratory disease that usually strikes in the winter.

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