

# 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 Queens Villagers,

First, some news regarding changes at the Queens Civic Congress, the umbrella group that represents more than 100 civic associations in Queens, of which we are one of the larger members. As some of you may have read in the press on February 11, Corey Bearak resigned as President of the QCC and as a board member of the QCC Foundation. Patricia Dolan, a former Vice President, has assumed the Presidency of the QCC. Members of our Executive Board have attended QCC meetings as appropriate and will continue to represent our Civic's interests there.

Considering the inclement weather, our February meeting was well attended. We welcomed the new Chairman of Community Board 13, Bryan Block. We look forward to working with him for all our interests.

Some local news of interest: A hardware and building supply store has opened on Jamaica Avenue just west of Hempstead Avenue. Also, we are seeing leasing activity on both sides of Hempstead Avenue west of Springfield Boulevard. This is in addition to the Walgreen and TD bank under construction. Surely, these are signs of optimism in these trying times.

On the subject of optimism, I offer you two thoughts: The first echoes our slogan (we work on solutions): "Success comes in cans; failure in can'ts." On a lighter note: "The optimist thinks this is the best of all possible worlds; the pessimist knows it."

At this month's meeting, which is the day before St. Patrick's Day, we plan to have Irish Soda Bread. To those members who will be observing religious holidays in the coming month, we send our best wishes.

Your neighbor,



John Stiller



Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 16  
8:00 P. M.  
Place: Stewart Hall  
Our Lady of Lourdes Church  
Springfield Blvd. & 93<sup>rd</sup>. Ave.  
On the Agenda: Discussion of Community  
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## OUR MEMBERSHIP

Our newest member is Irwin Pascal, who resides on 107 Avenue. Glad to have you aboard. If you've been thinking about joining our association, you can do so 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.

## ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS

Your civic association will hold its annual election of officers for our 2010-2011 civic year on Tuesday, May 18. Please give serious consideration to serving your community in this capacity. You will find the work very interesting and intrinsically rewarding. Let us know at this month's meeting. Or call 718-464-1237.

## 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 tax forms are available at our Queens Village Community Library, located at 94-11 217 Street. Call 718-776-6800 for library hours.

## GETTING RID OF OUR POTHOLE

Extreme wintry weather has pockmarked our streets with thousands of potholes that are dangerous to both motorists and pedestrians. The City has many repair crews out every day filling hundreds of the holes. You can help direct the crews by calling 311 to report potholes in your street or neighborhood. Let's do all we can to get rid of these monsters.

## YOUR HOUSE MUST SHOW THE ADDRESS

We have found that two of our members do not have the address affixed to their home. This is unlawful and also dangerous as an emergency response vehicle such as a police car, fire truck, or ambulance may be delayed in finding your home if the address is not shown. Please insure that you have a house number and that it is clearly visible from the street. House numbers can be purchased at your local hardware store.

## IN MEMORIAM

Richard Sypniewski, former president of our civic association, passed away on November 29 of last year at the age of 85, diminished by alzheimer's. He served with the United States Navy in World War 11 along with his three brothers, the only family in Queens Village that had four brothers in service during the war. Richard had a long career as a school teacher and guidance counselor in New York City schools.

Richard was a very kind and caring man who stood up for his community. He was dedicated to his students and steered them to productive paths. He loved Queens Village and fought for City services and programs that enhance our quality of life. Richard was awarded the Queens Village Civic Association Community Service Award for his outstanding service to our community. We send our heartfelt condolences to his sisters, twin Wanda and Eleanor, and his brothers, Gene and Robert, and the Sypniewski family.

## 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, April 3, 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 and toss rolling games on the front lawn, visit the animals, and take a hay ride. Tours of the farmhouse will be available. Admission is \$5.00 per person. For more info, call 718-347-3276.

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## QUEENS VILLAGE SENIOR GAME DAYS

We urge seniors to join the fun and games at our Queens Village Community Library in March on Mondays at 1:00 P. M. Whether you like board games, card games, Wii games, or just want to spend time with your peers, our library has it all for you. The library is located at 94-11 217 Street. Call Madelyn Schneider at 718-776-6800 for more information.

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