

# 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,

As we struggle through these dark and cold winter days and another major storm, we need to think positively and remember that there are only five more weeks until spring.

If you have not noticed them by now, the Department of Transportation (DOT) has replaced the regular parking meters on Jamaica Avenue with Muni-Meters. With Muni-Meters, you pay (coin or credit card) and get a ticket, which you must display on the dashboard of your car to show the expiration time. According to the Queens Chronicle, DOT installed Muni-Meters in Sunnyside, Ozone Park, Forest Hills, Kew Gardens, Jamaica, Woodside, Corona, and Queens Village in January of 2013.

The NYC Department of Environmental Protection has introduced an insurance program for homeowners for water and sewer line repairs. You should have received a package with a letter describing the program and an enrollment form. Homeowners are responsible for any repairs to the water and sewer lines that run from their home's exterior to the main line in the street. You may never need to, but if you have to repair these lines, it can be very costly. Before you decide to enroll, make sure you verify that your homeowner's policy does not already provide this coverage.

The US Post Office announced last week that it will stop delivering mail on Saturdays in an effort to save money. The plan is expected to be fully implemented by August of 2013; however, post offices will remain open on Saturdays.

Community Affairs Officer of the 105<sup>th</sup> Precinct, Detective Jovoda Cooper, has confirmed to be our guest speaker at this month's meeting on February 19.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the meeting.

Your friend and neighbor,



Mohamood (Mo) Ishmael



Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 19  
8:00 P. M.  
Place: Steward Hall  
Our Lady of Lourdes Church  
Springfield Blvd. & 93<sup>rd</sup> Ave.  
Guest Speaker: Detective Jovoda Cooper, of  
105 Precinct Community Affairs

FROM  
QUEENS VILLAGE CIVIC ASSOCIATION  
P.O. BOX 0766  
QUEENS VILLAGE, NEW YORK 11428-0766

NEW YORK CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

# 105 PRECINCT

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92-08 222 ST, QUEENS VILLAGE, NY 11428

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<b>YOUTH OFFICER</b>	<b>718-776-9164</b>
<b>DOMESTIC VIOLENCE</b>	<b>718-776-9415</b>
<b>CRIME STOPPERS</b>	<b>800-577-8477</b>
<b>DRUG HOTLINE</b>	<b>646-610-6610</b>
<b>GUN STOP</b>	<b>866-486-7867</b>
<b>TERRORISM HOTLINE</b>	<b>888-692-7233</b>

**105 PRECINCT COUNCIL MEETING IS THE LAST WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH AT 8:00 PM IN THE 105 PRECINCT**

OTHER IMPORTANT NUMBERS	
<b>EMERGENCIES</b>	<b>911</b>
<b>QUALITY OF LIFE</b>	<b>311</b>
<small>GOVT. SERVICES, LOUD NOISE, POTHoles</small>	
<b>GRAFFITI VANDALISM</b>	<b>IN PROGRESS: 911 TO PROVIDE INFORMATION: 311</b>

**TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**

### MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

#### 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 member is Inez Taylor, who resides on 215 Street. Glad to have you aboard! We have added 10 new members since the beginning of our current civic year in September, and 103 Queens Villagers have renewed their membership. You can join our association 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 have 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 that help to maintain and improve our quality of life

## **HELP TO COMPLETE YOUR TAXES**

More than 6,500 AARP Foundation tax-aide sites nationwide offer free help in preparing and filing federal, state, and local income tax returns. The confidential program serves low-to-moderate tax payers of all ages, with special attention given to those 60 and over. With about 35,000 volunteers, Tax-Aide is the nation's largest free volunteer-run tax preparation and assistance service. To find a Tax-Aide site near you, call 1-888-227-7669 or visit [aarp.org/taxaide](http://aarp.org/taxaide).

## **HELP FOR CRIME VICTIMS**

If you are a victim of a crime, you may be eligible for assistance and counseling and legal services to include changing the locks of your home. Please call Safe Horizon at 212-577-7777 for more information. The line is open 24/7.

## **OUR QVCA MEETING DATES**

The Queens Village Civic Association will meet on the following dates for the remainder of the 2012-2013 civic year: February 19, March 19, April 16, May 21, and June 18. Our meetings are held in Stewart Hall of Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Springfield Boulevard and 93<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, beginning at 8:00 P. M. The June meeting will feature our annual dinner and the installation of our Executive Board.

## **LIBRARY DAY IN ALBANY**

The Queens Library will conduct its annual "Library Day in Albany" on Tuesday, March 5. Library friends, supporters, and staff will board buses that will bring them to our State Senators and Assembly Members to speak to them about the importance of fully funded libraries and the disaster of budget cuts. Let our legislators know what library service means to you. They do listen, and you can make a difference. Buses will depart from several locations in Queens at 7:00 A. M. and return at approximately 7:00 P. M. A light lunch will be provided. You can pick up an application for the trip at our Queens Village Community Library, located at 94-11 217th Street. The telephone number is 718-776-6800.

## **NO MAILED SOCIAL SECURITY CHECKS**

Effective March 1, the United States Treasury Department will stop paper social security checks to beneficiaries. Recipients must make arrangements to receive their monthly payments electronically in a bank or credit union, or sign up for a Treasury Direct Express debit card. Those who don't make arrangements before the deadline will automatically receive the Treasury Direct Express debit card, but the Treasury states that this could cause a delay in payment until the government sends the card.

## **FIND YOUR LOST MONEY**

New York State is holding more than \$11 billion in unclaimed money from forgotten bank accounts, investment companies, insurance plans, utilities, and many other businesses. To find out if you have money due, call 800-221-9311 or visit [osc.state.ny.us](http://osc.state.ny.us). One of our members made the call and found money.

## **105TH COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING**

The next meeting of the 105<sup>th</sup> Precinct Community Council will be held on Wednesday, February 27, 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 about safety. And you will have the opportunity to make complaints.

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