

# 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 Neighbors,

Summer is finally here, and it is much welcome after such a difficult winter.

At a Queens Borough Board meeting on May 26, community leaders got an opportunity to express their opposition to the section of Mayor de Blasio's affordable housing plan that wants to legalize some illegal basement apartments. According to the press reports on the meeting, the City Housing Commissioner, Vicky Been, was noncommittal when faced with questions. She said: "The plan commits us to take a look at the issue to see if there are ways in which that kind of housing could be made safe and legal." Civic organizations need to continue to express their opposition and to make their voices heard on this issue.

Mayor de Blasio was in Queens Village on Friday, May 30, to visit the A to Z Learning Center, at 220-24 Jamaica Avenue. The Mayor was there to announce that the city had approved more than 10,000 new full-day pre-K seats at private run centers, known as community-based early childhood centers. Parents can now apply for a free spot directly at any center and as many as they choose. Information on the available learning centers can be found at [nyc.gov/prek](http://nyc.gov/prek).

Last week another patient escaped from the Creedmoor Psychiatric Center, the second in six months. Richard Hellenbrecht, on behalf of the Queens Civic Congress, expressed our position appropriately to the press: "We are quite angry about this and very worried that criminals may escape and in a short walk be in our quiet, tree-lined streets posing danger to our families, children, etc."

I want to thank our executives, trustees, and members who showed up at Veterans Park on Memorial Day to pay tribute to and honor our veterans for their selfless service and dedication to our country.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at our upcoming installation dinner on June 17. Council Member Mark Weprin will be swearing in our officers.

Your friend and neighbor,



Mohamood Ishmael



Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 17  
7:30 P. M.  
Place: Stewart Hall  
Our Lady of Lourdes Church  
Springfield Blvd. & 93<sup>rd</sup>. Ave.  
On the Agenda: 57<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner  
Installation of Officers

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



The following officers of the Queens Village Civic Association will be installed by our Council Member Mark Weprin at this month's meeting:

President	Mohamood Ishmael	94 Road
Vice President	Joseph Nickischer	221 Street
Treasurer	James Mooney	215 Street
Recording Secretary	Sue Ann Amoroso	94 Road
Financial Secretary	Chris Trofemuk	219 Street
Sergeant at Arms	Thomas Carrington	216 Street

Our Trustees are Gabreilla Krill, Nagassar Ramgarib, and John Stiller.

### LET'S FIGHT NOISE POLLUTON

July 4 fireworks and thunderous late and all-night parties are becoming a way of life in our summers. Fireworks and making loud noise are unlawful, and, if insensitive neighbors don't care about your comfort or getting a good night's sleep, you can fight back by calling 311. Your call will be kept anonymous if you so desire. Our police may not get to all the complaints, but they will stop the noise when they can and issue summonses if warranted. Some homeowners rent their backyard for blaring all-night parties. If you are aware of such a situation, call the 105<sup>th</sup> Precinct at 718-776-9090

### NATIONAL NIGHT OUT ON AUGUST 5

The National Night Out will be held on Tuesday, August 5, in Cabbell Park, in Cambria Heights, from 5:00 P. M. to 9:00 P.M. It will be sponsored by the 105<sup>th</sup> Precinct, the 105<sup>th</sup> Precinct Community Council, and Community Board 13Q. Come out with your family and enjoy a night of games, music, prizes, and free food and drink. This is an annual summer event to enhance relationships and cooperation between the police department and communities. For more information, call the 105th Precinct's Community Affairs Officer at 718-776-9173/9176.

## 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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- Gabreilla Krill..... Trustee
- John Stiller..... Trustee
- Nagassar Ramgarib..... Trustee

## OUR MEMBERSHIP

Our newest members are P. Ramnarine (212 Street), Carmen Rivera (216 Street), and Beulah Wilson (212 Place). Glad to have you aboard. We have enrolled 116 members during the current civic year, of which 13 are new members. 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 receive our newsletter 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.

## KEEPING CATCH BASINS CLEAN

When catch basins are clogged with debris, rainwater cannot flow into the sewer, causing street and home flooding. Although the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) cleans catch basins on a regular schedule, you can help by keeping your sidewalks and gutters free from debris. If you notice a catch basin blocked with debris and water is backed up there, call 311 and file a complaint. You can also call Community Board 13Q at 718-464-9700 to get sewers cleaned by DEP.

## DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS HELP

On Tuesdays, the Department of Buildings, located at Queens Borough Hall, 120-55 Queens Boulevard, has a homeowner's night, from 4:00 P.M. to 5:30 P.M., to give answers to your questions. This is your opportunity to speak directly to plan examiners about any Department of Buildings issue. A Photo ID is required to enter the building.

## !! THANK YOU !!

We gratefully thank our newsletter distributors who deliver our newsletter to members and advertisers in all kinds of weather. They are: Netyanand Bremsain, Thomas Carrington, Charles Deonarine, Dorothy Doukas, Leonard Hookum, Mohamood Ishmael, Jane Johnson, Gabreilla Krill, Lopez Family, Juliet Marshall, James Mooney, Joseph Nickischer, Elsa Oliphant, Nagassar Ramgarib, John Stiller, Chris Trofemuk, Jo Vasquez, and Patricia Weiss.

## QVCA 57TH ANNUAL DINNER

You and your family are cordially invited to our 57th Annual Dinner and Installation of Officers Ceremony on Tuesday evening, June 17, at 7:30 P. M., in Stewart Hall at Our Lady of Lourdes Church. The delicious buffet dinner includes dessert, soda, and coffee. Tickets can be purchased at the door for \$15.00. Treat yourself to an enjoyable night out with your friends and neighbors.

## SUMMER YOUTH POLICE ACADEMY

The New York City Police Department seeks to provide innovative and effective programs for the City's young people. The Community Affairs Bureau's Youth Police Academy is such a program for New York City residents attending school and between the ages of 10 to 16. It is designed to establish a positive relationship between the Police Department and the City's youth. The 2014 Youth Police Academy is a six (6) week program that will hold sessions five (5) days a week from Monday, July 7, to Friday, August 15. The Academy will open at 8:30 A. M. and dismissal will be at 2:30 P. M. Lunch and uniform shirts will be provided. Students will attend classroom sessions with lectures, role-plays, and topical demonstrations by police officers in the areas of law, behavioral science, drug prevention, and gang resistance. Field trips are also part of the curriculum.

Applications for the Academy must be submitted by June 27, 2014. Applications can be obtained at the 105th Precinct, located at 92-08 22nd Street in Queens Village, or on line at NYPD Community Affairs.

## POWOW AT FARM MUSEUM

The 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Thunderbird American Indian Powwow will be held at the Queens County Farm Museum, at 73-50 Little Neck Parkway, on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, July 25 to July 27. The Powwow is New York City's oldest and largest and will feature Native American Dance competition. Over 40 Indian Nations will be represented at this spectacular event. Native American art, crafts, and jewelry will be available. (Day pass admission is \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children under 12. Weekend pass is \$15.00 for adults and \$7.00 for children under 12.) Performance times are: Friday, 7:00 P. M. to 10:00 P.M.; Saturday: 12:00 P. M. to 5:00 P. M. and 7:00 P. M. to 10:00 P. M.; and Sunday, 12:00 P. M. to 5:00 P. M. For more information, call 718-347-3276.

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