

# 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,

The wonderful summer will soon end. Let's continue to enjoy the warm temperatures.

Mayor Bill de Blasio's campaign promise of a classroom for every 4 year-old sprang to life on Thursday, September 4, the first day of school for more than 53,000 pre-K students. According to the Mayor, enrollment in the City's ambitious expansion of pre-kindergarten programs will definitely improve the lives of thousands of children.

Our civic goal is to improve quality of life conditions and to make our neighborhood enjoyable for our kids to grow up in and our families to enjoy. We invest a lot of money in our homes. Let us invest our time to protect our community by watching for and reporting any crime. Please join our civic association. It costs only \$5.00 annually and will help us to safeguard our way of life. For those of you who have not paid your dues, I appeal to you to do so soon; we need your support and cooperation.

A representative from City Council Member Mark Weprin's office will be at our meeting to talk about the kick-off of the third year of the Councilman's Participatory Budget Process.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at our upcoming meeting on September 16.

Your friend and neighbor,



Mohamood Ishmael



Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 16  
8:00 P. M.

Place: Stewart Hall  
Our Lady of Lourdes Church  
Springfield Blvd. & 93<sup>rd</sup>. Ave.

On the Agenda: Participatory Budgeting

FROM  
QUEENS VILLAGE CIVIC ASSOCIATION  
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## CRIME PREVENTION PROGRAMS OF THE NYPD

The New York City Police Department is offering the following free programs to help prevent auto theft.

**Combat Auto Theft (C.A.T.)** : By registering your auto in the C.A.T. Program, the police will be allowed to stop your car between the hours of 1:00 A. M. to 5:00 A.M. (when many vehicles are stolen) to determine if your car has been stolen. You will be issued a C.A.T. sticker to apply to your auto glass.

**H.E.A.T. (Help End Auto Theft)**: This program is for people over 40 who normally don't let anyone under 25 drive their car. The H.E.A.T sticker allows police to stop the car if they see someone under 25 driving it. (Car thieves are usually young.)

**V.I.N. Etching Program**: V.I.N . Etching is a process that permanently etches your vehicle identification number on to the windows of your vehicle. This makes your vehicle very undesirable for a thief as it is difficult to sell your car or its parts. Also, many insurance companies offer a policy discount for this program. The 105<sup>th</sup> Precinct is now doing V.I.N. Etching on cars every Saturday from 10:00 A. M. to 2:00 P.M. until further notice. To make an appointment, call 718-776-9207.

To register for any of these programs or to obtain more information, call the 105<sup>th</sup> Precinct at 718-776-9173.

### HAPPENINGS AT REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Redeemer Lutheran Church, located at 92-10 217<sup>th</sup> Street, in Queens Village, invites kids from 4-12 years old to join the church for Sunday School every Sunday at 9:00 A. M.

Redeemer Lutheran will have a "Blessing of Animals Day" on Saturday, October 11, at 10:00 A. M. Bring your pets! Everyone is welcome.

For more information, call 718-468-8868.

### GOLDEN OLDIES & DISCO DANCE

St. Gregory the Great and St. Anne's Council #2429 will sponsor a Golden Oldies & Disco Dance on Saturday, October 11, in Gregorian Hall, located at 244-44 87<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Bellerose, beginning at 7:30 P. M. . Starring will be Barbara Harris & The Toys, Tony Dano & The Manhattan Skyline, Cleveland Still & The Dubs, and The Encore's & Band. DJ and audio will be provided by Tryon Sound. A Name That Tune and Dance Contest will be held with prizes to be awarded.

The cost is \$45.00 per ticket, which includes a complementary dinner and dessert.

For more information, call 718-343-9758.

## 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 Joanne Ponturno, who resides on Manor Road. Welcome aboard! We have enrolled 126 members during our current civic year, of which 14 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 our quality of life.

## **REPORTING NATURAL GAS LEAKS**

There is an important policy change from the City of New York regarding natural gas leaks. The City has begun a public awareness campaign to urge residents to call 911 and not just the utility company if they smell gas. Previously, residents who smelled gas were told to call the gas utility company or 311. Now, every call to 311 reporting a gas smell will be transferred to the 911 emergency line and will generate a response from the New York City Fire Department.

## **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HOT LINE**

If you are a victim of domestic violence, call the National Domestic Violence Hot Line at 800-799-7233. A counselor will help guide you through the process of safely leaving the relationship.

## **105TH PRECINCT COUNCIL MEETING**

The next meeting of the 105<sup>th</sup> Precinct Community Council will be held on Wednesday, September 24, 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 answer your questions about safety, and you will be given the opportunity to make complaints.

The 105<sup>th</sup> Precinct Community Council does not charge dues. The meetings are open to all. But they need your financial support to produce their newsletter and send out mailings. Please send your donations to the 105th Precinct Community Council, 92-08 222<sup>nd</sup> Street, Queens Village, NY, 11428.

## **IN MEMORIAM**

Mary Parella, who was President of the Queens Village Civic Association from 1989 to 1995, passed away on June 12. She was 84. Mary and her late husband, John Parella, often worked as a team to help improve our quality of life. They were married for 64 years. They were dedicated to making Queens Village a better place.

Mary was a member of Community Board 13 (Q), where she represented Queens Village and fought to maintain the character of our neighborhoods. She was active in Queens politics, serving as Vice President of the Queens County Line Democratic Club. Mary loved her family, nature, her garden, sculpting, participating in beautification programs for Queens Village, summers on the beach. She was a member of Our Lady of Lourdes Church.

Mary is survived by her two children, Susan and John Jr., three grandchildren, Julie, Michael, and Jon, and a great-grandchild, Max. Also, her sister, Dorothy Marchese, of Bayport, and her brother, Edward Fruling, who lives in Little River, SC.

We extend our heartfelt condolences to the Parella Family.

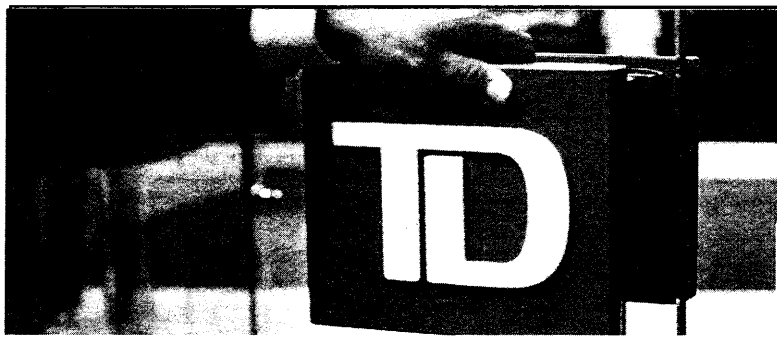
## **32ND QUEENS COUNTY FAIR**

The Queens County Farm Museum, located at 73-50 Little Neck Parkway, in Floral Park, will hold its 32nd Annual Queens County Fair on Saturday and Sunday, September 20 and 21, from 11:00 A. M. to 6:00 P. M. This wonderful family event is a traditional County Fair with Blue Ribbon competitions in livestock, produce, home crafts, arts and crafts, and more. Entertainment includes bands, circus performers, pig racing, juggling, and pie-eating and corn-husking contests. Enjoy the Irish band on Saturday and the German band on Sunday. The farm stand has locally grown fresh produce.

Admission is \$9.00 for adults. Children: \$5.00 (age 12 and under). Parking is free.

## **PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING**

Over the past two years, residents of District Council 23 have had a unique opportunity to decide how to spend one million dollars in capitol discretionary funding for our district through the pilot program called Participatory Budgeting (PB). If you want to be part of this year's District Committee to oversee this program, please call our Council Member Mark Weprin at 718-468-0137.



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