

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 Queens Village Civic Association stands with the residents of NYC in full support of the brave members of the NYC Police Department. We extend our sympathies to the families of Officers Rafael Ramos and Weinjian Liu who were assassinated while on duty. Many residents of our community attended the candlelight vigil on December 27 in front of the 105th Precinct to express support and sympathy to the NYPD.

New York City will become the largest city in the country to ban restaurants from using plastic foam containers. The ban will affect restaurants, city school cafeterias and street cart vendors and goes into effect on July 1. There is an exemption for small businesses, because they will have to prove that using alternative material will cause financial hardship. Environmentalists say that the lightweight plastic foam, known as expanded polystyrene, breaks easily, clogging waterways and posing a threat to marine life and takes decades to degrade.

Mayor Bill de Blasio's administration said on Wednesday it would lift the city's more than decade-long ban on cell phones in public schools. The new policy, to go into effect March 2, would allow principals to set their own rules on cell phones in consultation with parents and teachers.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day is on Monday, January 19. Let us take time to reflect on the positive progress our communities and nation have made for civil rights for our citizens.

Marina Santiago, from Reading Partners, a national literacy non-profit organization partnering with NYC schools, will be our guest speaker at this month's meeting. I am looking forward to seeing everyone at our upcoming meeting on January 20. Stay warm!

Your friend and neighbor,



Mohamood Ishmael



Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 20
8:00 P. M.
Place: Stewart Hall
Our Lady of Lourdes Church
Springfield Blvd. & 93rd. Ave.
Guest Speaker: Marina Santiago
Reading Partners

FROM
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HELP FOR CRIME VICTIMS 60 OR OLDER

Are you a victim of a crime? You do not have to suffer in silence. If you have been robbed, mugged, or taken advantage of by a scam or another type of fraud, there are support services to help you cope with the psychological impact and address your safety and financial concerns. If you are a crime victim 60 years of age or older, the New York City Department for the Aging can help you by:

- Applying for compensation to the New York State Office of Victims Services
- Linking you to police, district attorney offices, and legal services providers.
- Guide you through the criminal court process.
- Provide crisis intervention, safety planning, and emergency assistance.
- Refer you to case-management services for Meals-on-Wheels, DFTA home care, and entitlement screening.
- Provide information and referrals for replacing important documents such as Medicare/Medicaid, social security, driver's license.
- Refer you to supportive counseling services.

The Elderly Crime Victims Resource Center of the New York City Department for the Aging is located at 2 Lafayette Street, 2nd Floor, New York, New York, 10007. The telephone number is 212-442-3103.

READING PARTNERS

Reading Partners is a national literacy non-profit organization partnering with New York City schools, including P. S. 33 in Queens Village. The program pairs community members with students who are struggling to read on grade level. Here in Queens Village, Reading Partners is serving 70 students this year. At P. S. 33, the program runs weekdays from 8:05 A. M. to 3:05 P. M., tutoring a child behind in basic reading skills. There is no experience necessary. Training and materials are provided. Community volunteers will give a minimum of one hour a week. You can help a child gain the skills for success. Sign up for Reading Partners by calling Marina Santiago at 646-571-0792 or visiting readingpartners.org.

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

we had 150 paid members at the completion of our 2014 civic year, of which 23 were 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 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.

SNOW REMOVAL

If you are unable to remove snow from your sidewalks, you can ask for assistance by dialing 311. You can also call the office of State Senator Tony Avella at 718-357-3094 to ask for help. To avoid fines, you must remove snow from your sidewalks four hours after the snow has stopped falling or by 11:00 A. M. if the snow stops falling after 9:00 P. M. the previous evening. When snow has become too hard to remove or turned to ice, you must spread salt, cat litter, sand, or similar material within the same time frames.

OUR QVCA MEETING DATES

The Queens Village Civic Association will meet on the following dates during the 2015 civic year: January 20, February 17, March 17, April 21, May 19, June 16, September 15, October 20, and November 17. Our meetings are held in Stewart Hall of Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Springfield Boulevard and 93rd. Avenue, beginning at 8:00 P. M. The June meeting will feature our annual dinner and the installation of our Executive Board.

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Tuesday: 2:00 P. M. to 7:00 P. M.
Wednesday: 1:00 P. M. to 7:00 P. M.
Thursday: 11:00 A. M. to 7:00 P. M.
Friday: 11:00 A. M. to 7:00 P. M.

The library is closed on Saturday and Sunday. You can reach our library at 718-776-6800.

CALL US AT 718-598-1483

We have established a 24/7 number for members who cannot come to our meetings to express their concerns about happenings in our community. Call if you need help to handle quality-of-life problems. We will use our resources to help you

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Your civic association needs help to distribute our newsletter to members. It will take approximately 15 to 20 minutes to give out the newsletters in your bock or immediate vicinity. Our newsletter is published 9 times a year. Please call 718-598-1483 if you're interested. Your help is appreciated.

105TH PRECINCT COUNCIL MEETING

The next meeting of the 105th Precinct Community Council will be held on Wednesday, January 28, at 8:00 P. M., in the precinct located at 92-08 222nd 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 105th Precinct Community Council does not charge dues. Their meetings are open to all. They need your financial support to publish their newsletter and send out mailings. Please send your donations to the 105th Precinct Community Council at 92-08 222nd Street, Queens Village, New York, 11428.



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