

# 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,

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

It is extremely sad to see that o many of our local politicians continue to be convicted or accused of corruption. We must continue to insist that our politicians be held to a high standard as corrupt politicians have no place in public service. In sentencing a convicted politician recently, U.S. Attorney Preet Bharara said in a statement: "Today's sentence is a fitting punishment for the crimes and a reminder that this office and its law enforcement partners will continue to vigorously investigate and prosecute political corruption." We should all applaud his efforts and commitments.

The Queens Borough President Melinda Katz is scheduled to speak at a meeting on March 9, at 7:30 pm in the auditorium of PS 18, located at 86-35 235<sup>th</sup> Court. This meeting, initially organized by several Bellerose Civics, was extended to include our civic by the Borough President's office and those Civics. I urge our members and residents of Queens Village to attend.

Board members Nagassar Ramgarib and Jim Mooney, other civic members, and I recently attended the wake for our long time board member Rose Olson who passed away in January. We extend our heart-felt condolences to the Olson family.

I would like to wish everyone a happy Presidents Day, and I am looking forward to seeing you at our up coming meeting on February 17. Stay warm!

Your friend and neighbor,



Mohamood Ishmael



Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 17  
8:00 P. M.  
Place: Stewart Hall  
Our Lady of Lourdes Church  
Springfield Blvd. & 93<sup>rd</sup>. Ave.  
On the Agenda: Community Problems

FROM  
QUEENS VILLAGE CIVIC ASSOCIATION  
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## IN MEMORIAM

Rose Olson, our venerable member, passed away on January 17 at the age of 92. Rose served for many years as our Treasurer and Financial Secretary and was a fixture on our Executive Board as a Trustee. She hosted many of our Executive Board meetings in her home and was Program Coordinator for our Education Awards. She was a member of Our Lady of Lourdes Church and a Board Member of the Queens County Farm Museum.

Rose was soft-spoken and gracious, but she had a heavy clout when she fought for quality of life enrichment for our communities, for which she was given the Queens Village Civic Association Community Service Award. Rose loved her family and Queens Village and her country. Her later years were diminished by the infirmities of age and macular degeneration, but she remained determined to serve her family and her community.

Rose was married to the late Arthur Olson. They had six sons. All of us who were a part of your life miss you Dear Rose. We extend our heart-felt sympathies to the Olson Family.

## CARBON MONOXIDE

Carbon Monoxide (CO) is a poisonous gas that can kill you in minutes. It is invisible, tasteless, and odorless. It is produced from burning fuels such as wood, oil, natural gas, propane, gasoline, and kerosene. CO is known as the "silent killer." It prevents the body from getting oxygen. Symptoms can be nausea, headache, dizziness, shortness of breath, sleepiness, and weakness. CO can cause loss of consciousness, brain damage, or death. If you suspect carbon monoxide poisoning, open all windows and doors and get out of the building immediately and into fresh air. Call the fire department from outside the building, and call 911 if you or someone else is experiencing the poisoning symptoms.

Things you should do to prevent carbon monoxide poisoning:

- Install a CO Detector in your home that is battery-powered or has a battery back-up and is certified by the Underwriters Laboratories.(UL).
- Never run generators in indoor spaces such as garages, basements, porches, crawlspaces, sheds or in a partially enclosed carport space. Generators should only be operated outside.
- Never use a gas range or oven for warmth.
- Never use a charcoal grill or a barbecue grill in your home or garage.
- Never start up or run any gasoline-powered engines, (mowers, weed trimmers, snow blowers, chain saws, generators or other small motors) in enclosed places.
- Never use a stove or fireplace unless it is properly installed.
- Never run your car or motorcycle inside a garage that is attached to a house or in a detached garage with the door shut. Open the door to remove CO and other toxic gases.

## 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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## EXECUTIVE BOARD 2015

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Nagassar Ramgarib. . . . . Trustee

## OUR MEMBERSHIP

Our newest member is Gloria L. Catalanotto, who resides on 91<sup>st</sup> Road. Welcome aboard! Forty-eight members have renewed their membership for our 2015 civic year. We gratefully appreciate their support. You can join us 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 of our association, 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.

## 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 tax returns. The confidential program serves low-to-moderate tax payers of all ages, with special attention given to those 60 and over. With over 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 888-227-7669.

## SENATOR AVELLA NEEDS VOLUNTEERS TO SHOVEL SNOW FOR SENIORS

Our State Senator Tony Avella is asking for volunteers to shovel snow for senior citizens who live nearby. Students might do this for community service credit. If you wish to volunteer or are a senior citizen who needs help, call Senator Avella at 718-357-3094. 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.

## BOROUGH PRESIDENT KATZ TO SPEAK AT JOINT CIVIC MEETING

Our new Queens Borough President Melinda Katz is scheduled to speak to a joint meeting of the Creedmoor, Rocky Hill, and Bellerose-Hillside Civic Associations on Monday, March 9, at 7:30 P. M., in the auditorium of P. S. 18, located at 86-35 285th Court (between Hillside and 87<sup>th</sup> Avenues) in Queens Village. The public is invited.

## NYS ELECTRONIC WASTE BAN

Effective January 1, 2015, a state law will make it illegal for New Yorkers to discard most electronics in the trash. The New York City Department of Sanitation will no longer collect electronics left at curbside. The electronics covered by the law include televisions, computers and their peripherals, fax machines, VCR and DVD Players, printers/scanners, video games consoles, tablets, and small servers. You will risk getting a summons if you put out these items. You can dispose of these items at any Goodwill, Salvation Army, Best Buy, and Staples (no TVs) or by visiting [nyc.gov/electronics](http://nyc.gov/electronics) to find out about special disposal events.

## SENIOR HOMEBOUND MEALS AVAILABLE

Are you finding it increasingly difficult to prepare a healthy luncheon meal for yourself? If you are a homebound senior (60+) in need of a daily hot, delicious, and nutritionally balanced lunch meal, please call SNAP at 718-454-2385 and speak to Barbara. You can receive a healthy and wholesome meal and friendly personal contact from caring delivers. Don't hesitate. Call SNAP today and learn how you can begin receiving such meals..

## LIBRARY HAPPENINGS

Our Queens Village Community Library, located at 94-11 217<sup>th</sup> Street, has two physical programs scheduled this month.

Learn to Dance Soca: Instructor Dawn McLeod shares the history and movements of the masquerade dance that is performed at the annual Caribbean Carnival. You do not have to know how to dance to participate, but you will certainly feel like a dancer when you leave. Classes are held on Mondays in February (except on 2/16), beginning at 6:00 P. M. Preregistration is required for each class.

ShapeUp NYC: Boot Camp: Instructor Kiersten Clay provides a total body workout that addresses muscle strength and endurance while keeping the heart rate up to burn calories and improve cardiovascular health. Bring a towel and bottle of water. Participation is first come first served. On Tuesdays in February at 4:45 P. M.

For more information, call 718-776-6800.



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