

THE QUEENS VILLAGE CIVIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

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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 welcome in and adjust to Daylight Saving Time, I know everyone is ready to put this difficult winter behind us and "spring forward."

The winter weather and the treatment for the snow on the roads have created numerous potholes. If there are any in your area, please call 311 to report it. The department of transportation is very efficient in filling potholes but they need to know where they are located.

A proposed toll charge on the East River bridges is back as part of congestion pricing to reduce automobile traffic in Manhattan. These tolls will be an economic burden on Queens' residents, and I urge our members to voice their opposition to it.

Council Member Mark Weprin's participatory budgeting process will be climaxing in April with residents from his district voting on projects. Volunteered delegates, together with staff from Weprin's office, will be finalizing a list of projects to be placed on the ballot. These projects are usually for schools, libraries, parks, community facilities, transportation, and public safety. Hopefully, the voting information details will be out by our meeting date. Please go out and vote for projects in our community.

Queens Village was featured in the Wall Street Journal, real estate section, on February 27. The article appropriately mentioned that the "Village" today seems an apt description for a pedestrian-friendly, family-oriented area composed mostly of single-family houses.

On behalf of the QVCA board, I would like to extend special greetings to our neighbors who are celebrating St. Patrick's Day and Holi festival. I am looking forward to seeing you at our upcoming meeting on March 17.

Your friend and neighbor,



Mohamood Ishmael



Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 17
8:00 P. M.
Place: Stewart Hall
Our Lady of Lourdes Church
Springfield Blvd. & 93rd. Ave.
On the Agenda: Participatory Budgeting

FROM
QUEENS VILLAGE CIVIC ASSOCIATION
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Council Member Mark Weprin



This April, our community will decide how to spend one million dollars through Participatory Budgeting. Join me to explore the projects that are scheduled to be on the ballot!

PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING PROJECT PRESENTATIONS

Tuesday, March 10th at 7 PM

Bayside Senior Center

221-15 Horace Harding Expressway

For more information and to RSVP, contact Council Member Mark Weprin's office at (718) 468-0137 or email Jaime Cho at JCho@council.nyc.gov

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 have enrolled 50 members in our current civic year. 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.

LET'S GET RID OF OUR POTHOLE

Extreme and prolonged wintry weather has pockmarked our streets with many potholes that are dangerous to both motorists and pedestrians. Despite frequent snow storms, the NYC Department of Transportation has filled thousands of potholes this winter. You can help direct the DOT crews by calling 311 to report potholes in your street or neighborhood. Let's do all we can do to get rid of these monsters.

FREE HELP FOR YOUR TAXES

If you're having a problem completing your federal tax return, call the IRS for assistance at 1-800-829-1040. For help with your New State and New York City taxes call 518-457-5181. You can also request tax forms at these numbers. Seniors and low and moderate income tax earners can find AARP Tax-Aide sites that will help them to complete their taxes. Call 1-888-227-7669.

FREE EMERGENCY CELL PHONES

The Cornucopia Society Cell Phone Recycling Program has expanded thanks to a grant from Citizens for New York City. The Society is collecting cell phones that are no longer operative and reconditions and distributes them to senior citizens and those who need such a phone but can't afford one. These phones are restricted to dialing 911 only and enable people to get medical treatment quickly and emergency police and fire assistance. There is no charge for the phone. Your donated phones should be brought to the Community Affairs Office of the 105th Precinct, at 92-08 222nd Street, in Queens Village. Call Fred Kress of the Cornucopia Society at 718-341-1395 if you need such a phone.

QUEENS FARM MUSEUM EVENTS

The Queens County Farm Museum, located at 73-50 Little Neck Parkway, in Floral Park, has these special events scheduled next month: The children's Carnival will be held on 2 weekends, Saturday and Sunday, April 11 & 12 and April 18 & 19, from 11: A. M. to 6:00 P. M. Enjoy carnival rides, midway games and prizes, hayrides, and children's entertainment. Tours of the historic farmhouse will be offered. Admission is \$12 per person. (All carnival rides are included at no extra charge.) Height rules apply at all times.

The annual Barnyard Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, April 4, from 12:00 P. M. to 4:00 P. M. in the farm's orchard. Egg hunts will be ongoing throughout the day. Bunny "Wiskers" will be hopping around the farm to greet the children. Play egg and toss rolling games on the front lawn, visit the animals, and take a hayride. Tours of the historic farmhouse will be available. Admission is \$5.00 per person.

HEAP HELPS PAY HEATING BILLS

HEAP, the Home Energy Assistance Program, can give you help to pay this winter's soaring home heating bills. You may be eligible for this program even though you have money in the bank, stocks, bonds, or other monetary resources. For more information, call 311.

DUES DUE

we are asking that you pay your 2015 dues. We need your financial support as well as your moral support. We gratefully appreciate both. Dues are \$5.00 per person and can be paid at our monthly meetings or by mailing your check or money order payable to the Queens Village Civic Association, P.O. Box 0766, Queens Village; New York, 11428.

ANIMAL NOISE COMPLAINTS

The Department of Environmental Protection handles animal noise complaints. The noise code holds pet owners responsible for their animals' noises. Dog barking for 10 consecutive minutes between 7:00 A. M. to 10:00 P. M. and 5 consecutive minutes between 10:00 P. M. to 7:00 A. M. is considered excessive. Call 311 to make your complaints.



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