

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,

At this month's civic meeting we will be voting on two proposals that the board is recommending:

1. To move the election of officers from May to October, so that the new officers will begin their term from January 1, 2016. Our officers will now serve on a calendar year term that will match the changes on membership fees that was approved last year. This proposal will also extend the current officers term to December 31.
2. To increase membership fees to \$10 from the current fee of \$5, beginning in 2016.

Please make sure you go out to vote in Council Member Mark Weprin's Participatory Budgeting (PB) that is taking place from Sunday, April 12 through Sunday, April 19. Residents of District 23 who are sixteen years of age or older will have the opportunity to vote for five of the ten capital projects that will appear on this year's PB ballot. It is important that you support the projects for our area's public schools and the Queens Village library.

Civic leaders are skeptical of Mayor de Blasio's proposed plan to change city zoning rules in order to create or preserve 200,000 units of affordable housing. The QVCA supports the mayor's plan for additional affordable housing units; however, we are concerned about relaxing and changing zoning rules to achieve it.

Detective Jovoda Cooper, the community affairs officer at the 105th Precinct, will be our guest speaker at this month's meeting. Please let us take this opportunity to voice our concerns on securing our neighborhoods and share our ideas for reducing crime.

I am looking forward to seeing you at our upcoming meeting on April 21.

Your friend and neighbor,



Mohamood Ishmael



Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 21
8:00 P. M.

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

On the Agenda: Detective Jovoda Cooper
105th Community Affairs

FROM
QUEENS VILLAGE CIVIC ASSOCIATION
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105th PRECINCT CRIME PREVENTION PROGRAMS

In a continuing effort to reduce theft in the confines of the 105th Precinct, the following crime prevention programs are being offered:

RESIDENTIAL SECURITY SURVEY: The Crime Prevention Specialist from the 105th Precinct will visit your home and conduct a security survey. All security devices, locks, windows, doors, and alarms are checked thoroughly to determine their effectiveness. A confidential, written report with recommendations to improve the security of your home will be provided by the police officer. Call 718-776-9173 to make an appointment.

GLASS VIN ETCHING: Glass Vin Etching is a chemical process that permanently etches your auto VIN number on your auto glass. Some of the advantages of this program: It helps to deter auto theft by reducing the value of the auto to the thief, helps to identify stolen auto parts in salvage yards, and many insurance companies offer discounts for this program when completed by the police department. Until further notice VIN etching is being done on Saturdays from 10 A. M. to 12:00 P. M. at the 105th Precinct, located at 92-08 222nd Street, in Queens Village, If you would like to make an appointment or want more information about VIN etching, call 718-776-9176.

C.A.T. (Combat Auto Theft): This program is done by attaching a C.A.T. Sticker to the rear side windows of your auto. The owner signs an authorization form that allows the police department to stop your auto during the hours of 1:00 A. M. to 5:00 A. M. If you are out and are stopped, all you have to do is show proper identification.

H.E.A.T. (Help End Auto Theft): In order to participate in this program, you must be a New York City resident, registered owner of a motor vehicle, and above the age of 40. The decals inform the police that anyone under the age of 25 who is operating the vehicle is doing so without the owner's consent. This program is in effect 24 hours a day.

BICYCLE REGISTRATION: A police officer of the 105th Precinct will etch a serial number onto the frame of your bicycle at the precinct. The number will be kept on file, and the information will help identify your bicycle if it is lost or stolen.

SPRING CLEANUP

With the coming of spring, we are asking Queens Villagers to maintain their homes and properties in compliance with City Sanitation and Building codes. That means cleaning up to 18 niches from your curb, disposing garbage and recyclables properly, keeping lids on your garbage cans (especially on windy days), getting rid of unlicensed cars and materials that are decaying on your property, keeping your lawn neatly cut. And remember that you must now put a plastic covering over your mattress when you put it out for pickup. Your compliance with sanitation and building codes will help to keep Queens Village clean and pristine and improve our quality of life and keep you free of summonses.

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.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____

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VOTE FOR PB PROJECTS

OUR MEMBERSHIP

we have enrolled 75 members during our current civic year. If you've been thinking about joining us, you can do so 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 to help maintain and improve our quality of life.

FREE HEARING TESTS AT ST. JOHN'S

St. John's Speech and Hearing Center is sponsoring free speech and hearing screenings through May 12. Please call 718-990-6480 for an appointment. The center is located at 151-11 Union Turnpike. The center is also offering free hearing service to those who are experiencing difficulty in using their hearing aid.

TRAINING AT REDEEMER CHURCH

The American Red Cross in Greater New York is giving training sessions on Saturday, April 18, from 10:00 A. M. to 11:00 A. M., in Vesper Hall at Redeemer Lutheran Church, located at 92-10 217th Street, in Queens Village. Training includes Red Cross First Aid, Adult CPR/AED, Pediatric CPR/AED, and Pet First Aid. All are welcome.

FREE DOCTOR HOME VISITS FOR QUEENS SENIORS ON MEDICAID

Parker Jewish Institute for Health Care and Rehabilitation, of New Hyde Park, is offering the following free services to senior residents of Queens who are in receipt of Medicaid: physician home visits, primary medical care, 24-hour telephone access, connecting you to the services you need. For more information, call 718-289-2606.

Did you know?

The NYC Sanitation Code prohibits residents from putting out their garbage before 5:00 P. M. on the day before the scheduled pick-up. Please comply with the law to avoid fines beginning at \$50.00.

In Participatory Budgeting (PB), you can decide how \$1 million is spent on libraries, parks, schools, and more. In the communities of New York City District Council 23 in Queens. Voting takes place from April 12 to April 19. To learn more about Participatory Budgeting and voting locations, call Council Member Mark Weprin at 718-468-0137 or visit mweprin@council.nyc.gov. You can vote on Participatory Budgeting at our Queens Village Library, located at 94-11 217th Street, on Tuesday, April 14, from 1:30 P.M. to 5:30 P. M., and Thursday, April 16, from 3:30 P.M. to 7:30 P.M. You must be a resident of District 23 and at least 16 years of age. Please bring proof of residency (such as an ID or bill) when you come to vote.

HEAR GREAT SONGS AT OUR LIBRARY

Tom Smith sings and plays a dazzling array of great songs by 20 of the greatest singer-songwriters of our time, including Billy Joel, Carole King, John Lennon and Paul McCarthy, Smokey Robinson, and Willie Nelson. This is a lively, humorous and expertly crafted musical celebration at our Queens Village Library, 94-11 217th Street, on Monday, April 20, beginning at 4:00 P. M. Don't miss it!

IRS SCAM

With the income tax deadline looming, scammers are working overtime to steal your money by posing as IRS agents and making threatening telephone calls telling you that the taxes you owe must be paid immediately or you will be jailed or lose your home. The IRS wants you to know this:

- IRS will never call a taxpayer to demand immediate payment nor will the agency call about taxes without first having mailed a bill.
- The IRS will never demand that a taxpayer pay taxes without giving him or her the opportunity to question or appeal the amount claimed owed.
- The IRS will never ask for a credit or debit card number over the phone and will never require the taxpayer to use a specific method to pay taxes.
- The IRS will never threaten to bring in local police or other law enforcement groups to arrest you for not paying your taxes.

If you receive such a scammer's call, contact the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration at 1-800-366-4484. Let's turn the tables and put these scammers in jail!



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